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# Public Meeting on the current state of the 2025 Sport Bottomfish Fishery

July 29, 2025



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# Meeting Outline

- State Management Goals
- Season Structure & Bag Limits
- Review of the 2025 season
  - Tracking through June
  - Year-end Projections



# State Management Goals

- Strive for year-round bottomfish fishing opportunities
- Provide harvest opportunity
- Limit regulation complexity
- Minimize discarded fish

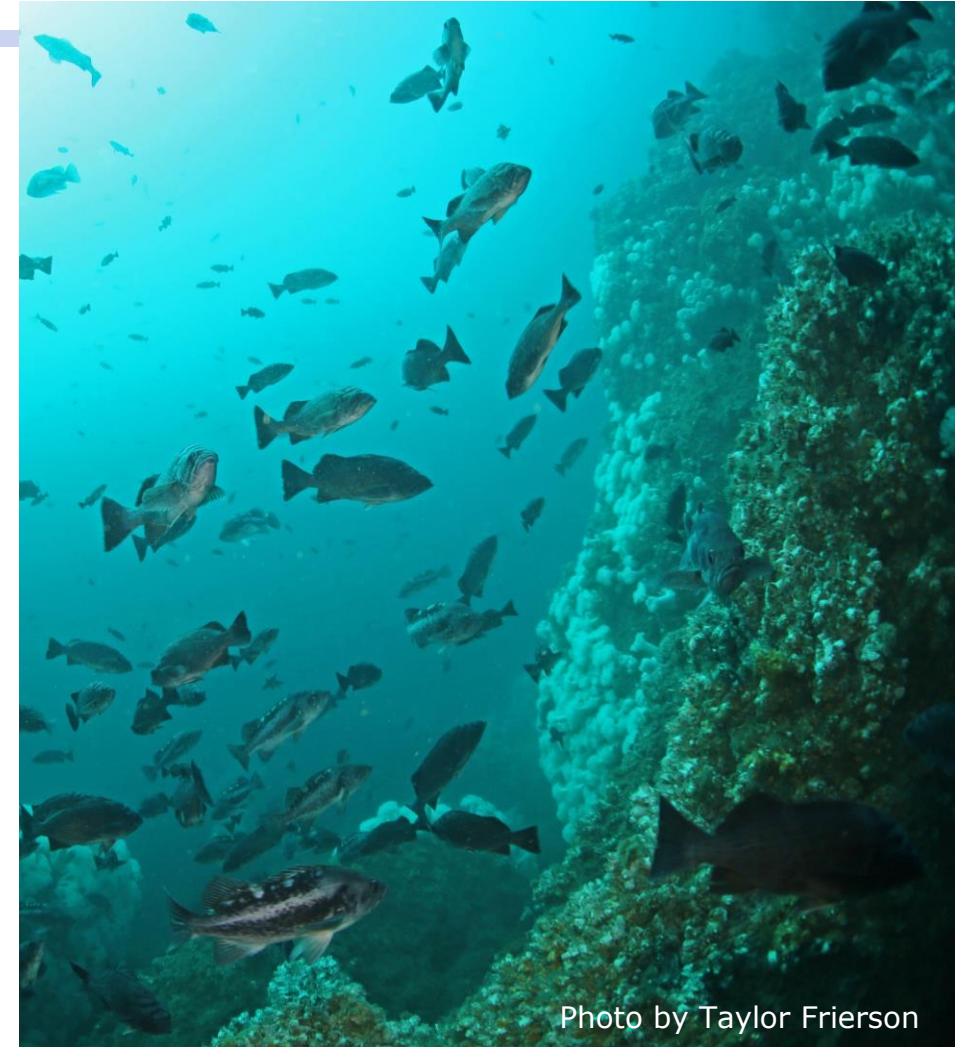


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# 2025 Bag Limits

- Jan-Jun: 4 fish general marine bag limit
  - 1 canary rockfish sub-bag limit
- Jul-Dec: 5 fish general marine bag limit
  - 1 canary rockfish sub-bag limit
  - 1 cabezon sub-bag limit
- 2 lingcod
- 25 flatfish (other than P. halibut)
- 10 long-leader gear fish (10 species)
  - 1 canary rockfish sub-bag limit
- 10 sablefish



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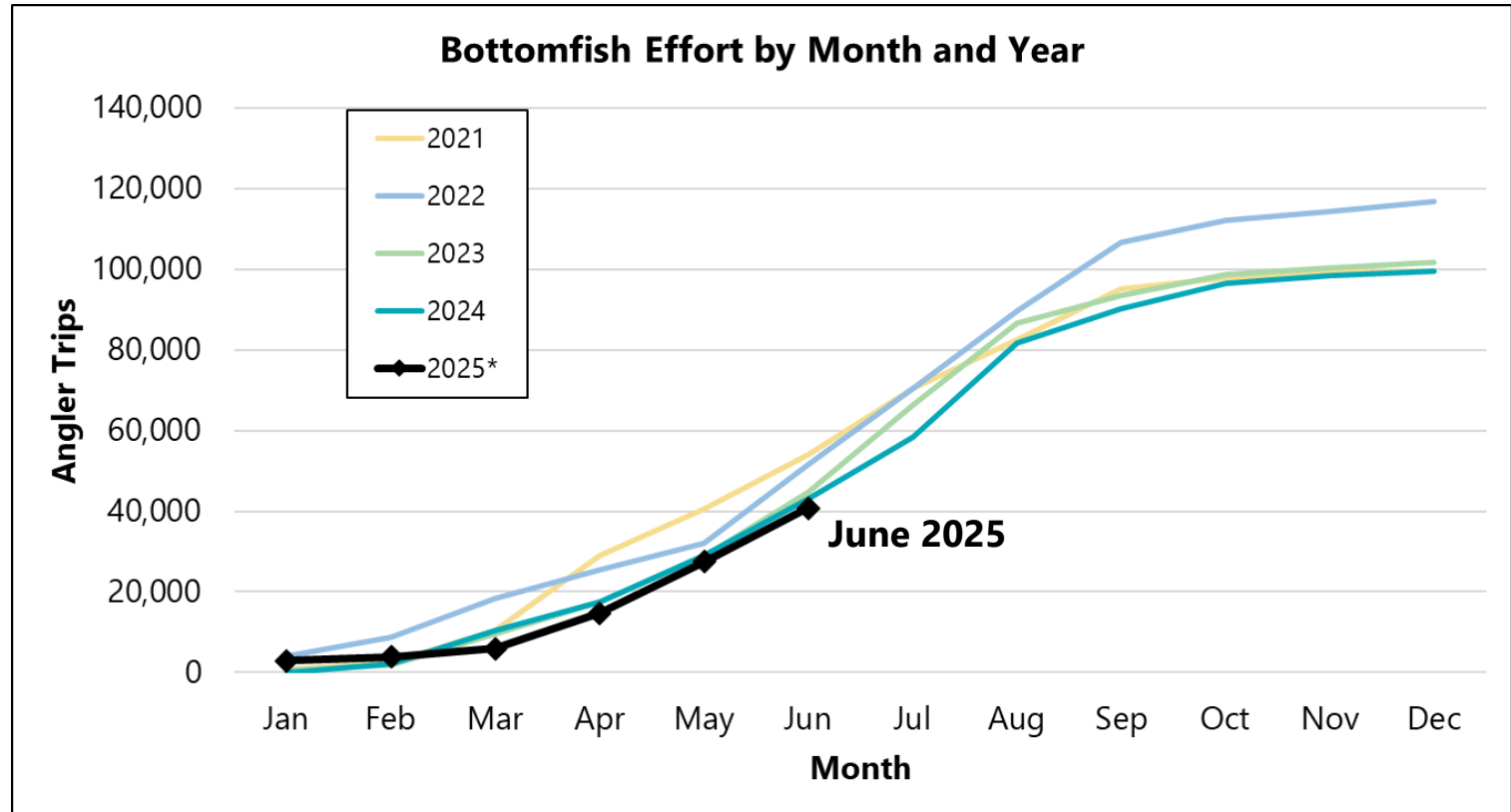
# 2025 Regulations

- Quillback and yelloweye rockfishes prohibited
- No seasonal depth restriction
- Bottomfish allowed with halibut
  - Longleader fishing in combination with halibut during all-depth halibut fishing days **OR** lingcod and the general marine species bag limit (5-fish bag)
- Mandatory descending devices
- Length limits
  - Lingcod - 22 inches
  - Cabezon - 16 inches



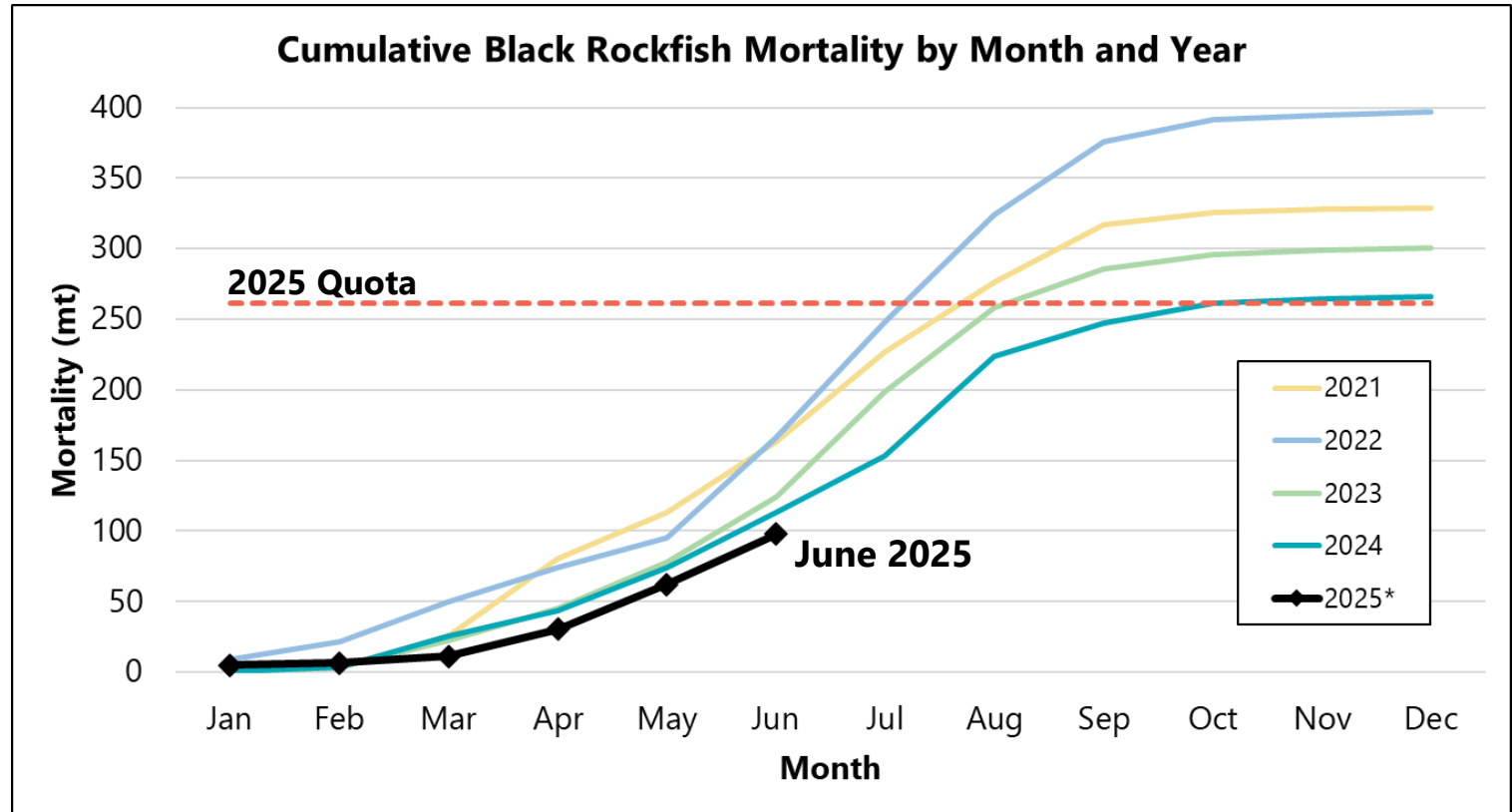
# 2025 Season Progress: Angler Trips

- Tracking very similar to our preseason projections
  - ~40,000 bottomfish angler trips through June
- More anglers fish during the months of July and August
- \*Data for 2025 is preliminary



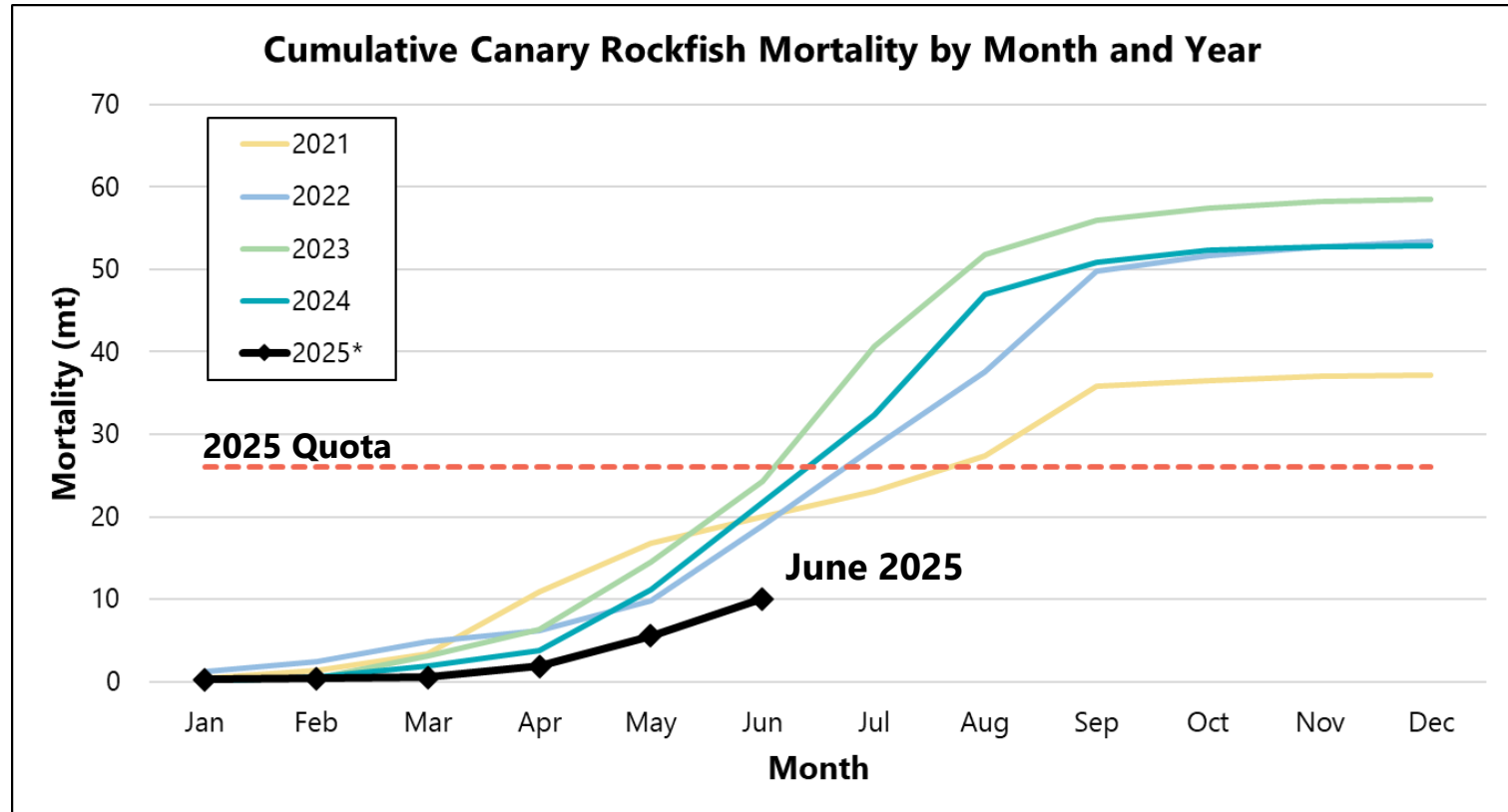
# 2025 Season Progress: Black Rockfish

- Tracking slightly below our preseason projections
  - ~100 metric tons
- Black rockfish dominate the bottomfish catch
- \*Data for 2025 is preliminary



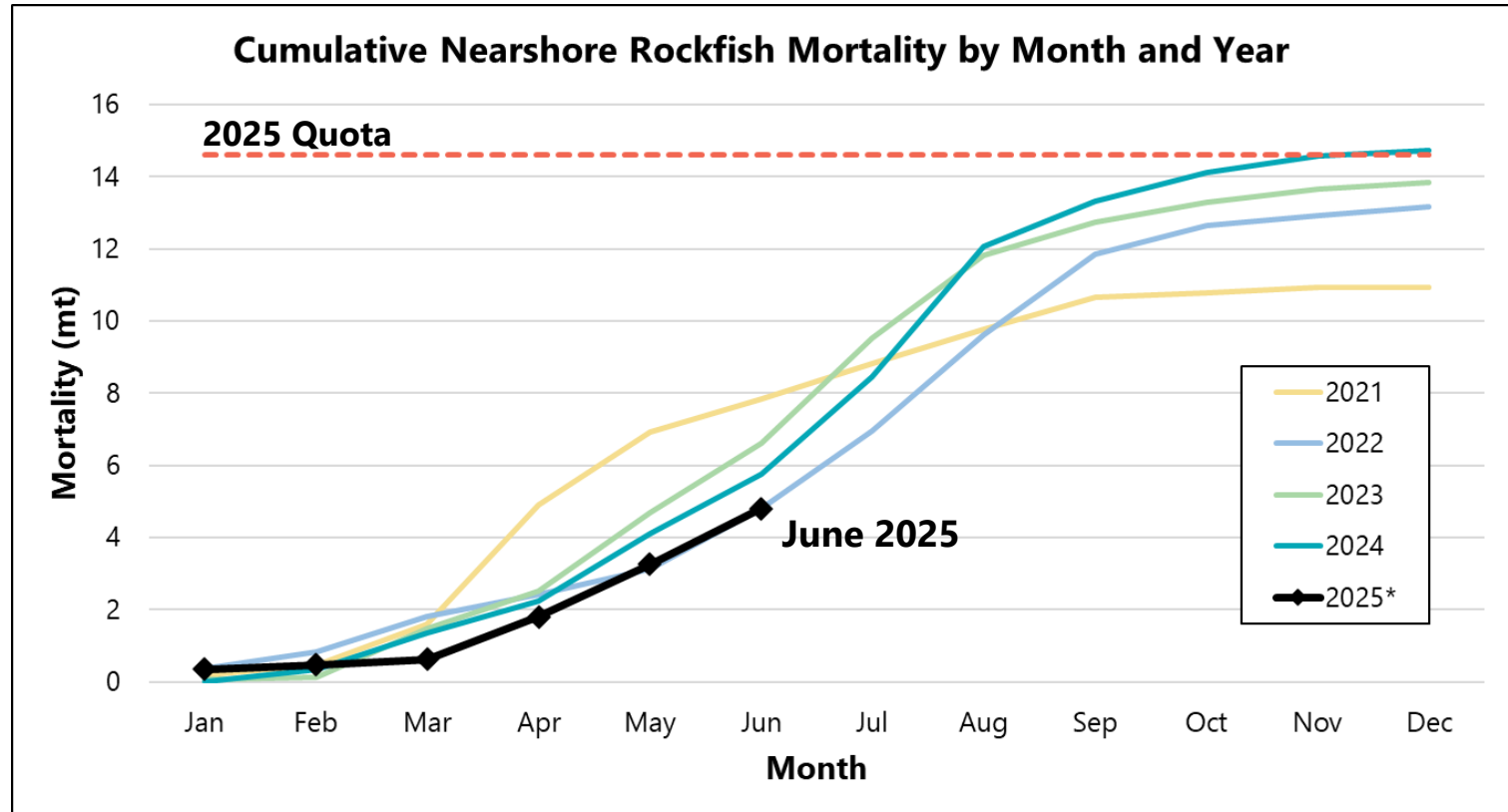
# 2025 Season Progress: Canary Rockfish

- 1-fish sub-bag limit
- Tracking slightly below our preseason projections
  - ~10 metric tons
- \*Data for 2025 is preliminary



# 2024 Season Progress: Nearshore

- Nearshore rockfish include China, copper and quillback rockfishes
  - Quillback rockfish prohibited since 2022
- \*Data for 2025 is preliminary



# 2025 Harvest Limits and Attainment

Species or Species Group	2025 Limit (mt)	2025 Attainment (mt)*
Black Rockfish	261.1	98.1 (40%)
Blue/Deacon Rockfish	64.9	9.6 (15%)
Nearshore Rockfish (China, Copper & Quillback RF)	14.6	5.1 (38%)
Yelloweye Rockfish	6.9	1.3 (19%)
Canary Rockfish	26.0	10.4 (40%)
Cabazon (opened July 1)	17.2	0.6 (4%)
Greenlings	32.0	1.1 (8%)

\*Preliminary estimates through June



# 2025 Tracking and Projections

## 2025 GROUND FISH MORTALITY

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	LIMIT	±
ACTUAL OR PROJECTED?	A	A	A	A	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P			
BLACK RF	5.14	1.64	4.59	19.28	31.72	35.72	69.03	51.61	28.03	16.12	4.97	3.72	271.6	247.8	110%
BLUE & DEACON RF	0.90	0.31	1.08	4.15	1.35	1.82	4.75	3.70	2.56	1.22	0.37	0.27	22.5	63.8	35%
CABEZON	0.10	0.02	0.01	0.17	0.13	0.17	8.01	5.39	2.83	1.54	0.48	0.36	19.2	16.7	115%
GREENLINGS	0.16	0.03	0.05	0.23	0.31	0.29	0.85	0.57	0.34	0.17	0.05	0.04	3.1	13.5	23%
Minor NSRF (S Cap)	0.38	0.13	0.15	1.24	1.51	1.68	2.96	2.15	1.52	0.75	0.23	0.17	12.9	13.4	96%
COPPER RF	0.17	0.04	0.08	0.74	0.66	0.76	1.69	1.22	0.81	0.45	0.14	0.10	6.9	5.7	120%
QUILLBACK RF	0.06	0.01	0.03	0.20	0.35	0.39	0.46	0.32	0.29	0.11	0.03	0.02	2.3	1.7	133%
CANARY RF (S Cap)	0.25	0.18	0.16	1.33	3.83	4.62	9.91	6.93	5.83	1.87	0.49	0.36	35.8	26.0	138%
VERMILION RF	0.05	0.00	0.07	0.30	0.60	0.33	1.14	0.89	0.54	0.35	0.10	0.08	4.5	8.4	53%
YELLOW EYE RF (S Cap)	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.14	0.54	0.59	1.30	1.05	0.97	0.36	0.07	0.05	5.1	6.9	74%

	3-Fish Bag	4-Fish Bag	5-Fish Bag
Black Rockfish Projections: September - December	38.4 mt	46.8 mt	52.8 mt



# Sport Bottomfish 2026

- ODFW will host public meetings in Brookings, Coos Bay and Newport during the month of October
  - The Newport meeting will have an online option to attend remotely
  - The intent of these meetings is to gather stakeholder feedback and input in preparation for the 2026 sport bottomfish season
- Staff recommendations with rationale will be presented to Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commissioners in Salem on Dec 12, 2025.



An underwater photograph showing the hull and propeller of a boat. The water is clear blue, and the boat's structure is dark. A red buoy is visible on the propeller. The perspective is from below, looking up at the boat.

**Thank you!**

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