



ODFW INDUSTRY NOTICE TO COMMERCIAL GROUND FISH FISHERS AND PROCESSORS

January 13, 2015

Commercial Nearshore Regulations Effective January 15, 2015

This notice details both cumulative trip limits for the remainder of 2015 and the new harvest guideline for Other Nearshore Rockfish and Blue Rockfish, combined.

On January 9th, the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted commercial nearshore groundfish regulations for 2015. These regulations include two-month cumulative trip limits and a new commercial fishery harvest guideline for Other Nearshore Rockfish and Blue Rockfish, combined. This new harvest guideline was adopted to better align state and federal regulations. **Please note: Blue Rockfish are now managed under a separate two-month cumulative trip limit from Black Rockfish trip limits.**

2-Month Cumulative Trip Limits – No vessel may land more than the following amounts:

For 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:** 1,400 pounds
 - **Period 3, May-June:** 1,700 pounds
 - **Period 4, July-August:** 1,600 pounds
 - **Period 5, September-October:** 1,400 pounds
 - **Period 6, November-December:** 1,000 pounds
- **Blue Rockfish:** 15 pounds per period

For 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).

For vessels with a Black Rockfish and Blue Rockfish Permit WITH a Nearshore Endorsement

- **Other Nearshore Rockfish combined:** 100 pounds per period
- **Cabazon:** 1,500 pounds per period
- **Greenling:** 300 pounds per period

Commercial Fishery Harvest Guideline for Other Nearshore Rockfish and Blue Rockfish combined (landings plus discard mortality): 10.4 metric tons (22,928 pounds)

Complete current Oregon Administrative Rules can be found at <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/OARs>. Click **COMMERCIAL FISHERIES OTHER THAN SALMON OR SHELLFISH** for OAR 635-004-0270 through 635-004-0365.

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Nearshore Fish Species

a. **Black Rockfish**

b. **Blue 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

- **Shelf Rockfish***

- Tiger Rockfish
- Vermilion Rockfish

- **Greenling**

- Kelp Greenling
- Painted Greenling
- Rock Greenling
- Whitespotted Greenling

- **Cabazon**

- **Buffalo Sculpin**
- **Red Irish Lord**
- **Brown Irish Lord**

*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.