



ODFW INDUSTRY NOTICE TO COMMERCIAL GROUND FISH FISHERS AND PROCESSORS

December 11, 2014

Commercial Nearshore Regulations Effective January 1, 2015

This notice provides cumulative trip limits that will be in place for 2015 until the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission adopts 2015 groundfish regulations at their January 9, 2015 meeting in Salem, Oregon.

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission is not scheduled to adopt groundfish regulations for 2015 until January 9th, after the start of the first 2-month cumulative trip limit period on January 1st. Due to reductions in the federal harvest limit for Blue Rockfish and Other Nearshore Rockfish, the Department will recommend that the Commission reduce the current Other Nearshore Rockfish cumulative trip limit, and establish separate limits for Black Rockfish and Blue Rockfish. To prevent disruption, the Department has adopted the recommended limits for the first part of January through temporary rule, which will be in place until the Commission takes action on 2015 groundfish regulations.

The January Commission meeting will be held at Department Headquarters in Salem. The Commission places great value on information received from the public, and public testimony may be submitted in person or by e-mailing comments to odfw.commission@state.or.us. If you wish to give testimony in person, please sign up on the sheets provided on the day of the meeting and you will be called to testify by the Commission Chair. Meeting materials and guidelines for giving public testimony may be found on the Department webpage at <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/>.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Headquarters
Commission Room
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE
Salem, OR 97302

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
- **Blue Rockfish:** 15 pounds per period
- **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
- **Cabezon:** 1,500 pounds per period
- **Greenling:** 300 pounds per period

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.

For more information contact:
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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 the annual harvest guideline, and not toward the state trip limits and annual landing caps.