

September 9, 2013



ODFW INDUSTRY NOTICE TO COMMERCIAL GROUND FISH FISHERS AND PROCESSORS

Commercial Nearshore Regulations Effective September 9, 2013

Note changes to cumulative trip limits for black rockfish and blue rockfish combined, and for cabezon.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife currently manages the commercial nearshore fishery for a 12-month season.

2-Month cumulative trip limits are subject to change in-season

Commercial Landing Caps

- **Black rockfish landing cap** (landed fish only): 137.9 metric tons
- **Black and blue rockfish combined landing cap** (landed fish only): 141.9 metric tons
- **Other nearshore rockfish landing cap:** 14.3 metric tons
- **Cabezon landing cap:** 30.0 metric tons
- **Greenling landing cap:** 23.4 metric tons

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

2-Month Cumulative Trip Limits for vessels with a Black Rockfish and Blue Rockfish Permit

WITH or WITHOUT a Nearshore Endorsement

- **Black and Blue Rockfish Combined**
 - Period 1, January-February: 1,000 pounds
 - Period 2, March-April: 1,200 pounds
 - Period 3, May-June: 1,700 pounds
 - Period 4, July-August: 1,600 pounds
 - Period 5, September-October: **2,100 pounds** – this is a 900 pound increase
 - Period 6, November-December: **1,800 pounds** – this is an 800 pound increase

2-Month Cumulative Trip Limits for vessels with a Black Rockfish and Blue Rockfish Permit

WITH a Nearshore Endorsement

- **Other Nearshore Rockfish combined:** 700 pounds per period
- **Cabezon:** 1,500 pounds per period for periods 1- 4
 - **2000 pounds for periods 5 and 6** – this is a 500 pound increase
- **Greenling:** 300 pounds per period

Incidental Catch in Other Fisheries (For complete rule see OAR 635-004-0360)

- **Incidental catch may not exceed daily, weekly, or period limits as detailed in OAR 635-004-0360. Limits are subject to in-season changes.**
- Black rockfish, blue rockfish, nearshore fish, or any combination thereof (see Nearshore Fish Species list on next page.): No more than 15 lbs per day and must make up 25% or less of the total poundage of the landing and must be landed with fishing gear that is legal to use in the fishery in which the black rockfish, blue rockfish or nearshore fish are landed.
- Salmon trollers with a valid troll permit may land 100 pounds of black rockfish, blue rockfish, or a combination thereof in the same landing in which a salmon is landed. These rockfish may only be landed dead. If the cumulative landing of black and blue rockfish combined in the salmon troll fishery reaches 3,000 pounds in any calendar year, then each salmon troll vessel is limited to 15 pounds of black rockfish, blue rockfish, or a combination thereof per troll landing for the remainder of the calendar year.
- Trawlers may land up to 1,000 pounds of black rockfish, blue rockfish, or a combination thereof per calendar year and these fish must be 25 percent or less of the total poundage of each landing and must be landed dead.
- A non-profit aquarium or contractor for a non-profit aquarium may land black rockfish and blue rockfish or nearshore fish for the purpose of displaying or conducting research.

Logbook Requirement (For complete rules see ORS 508.953, OAR 635-004-0290 and OAR 635-004-0335)

An owner of a vessel that has a black rockfish and blue rockfish vessel permit or a black rockfish and blue rockfish vessel permit with a nearshore fish endorsement shall keep a log book (ORS 508.953).

The skipper of a vessel fishing by trawl, pot, longline or hook & line for shrimp, scallops, or groundfish (including sablefish and lingcod) must keep an accurate and truthful log on ODFW forms. Logs shall be completed per instructions

provided in the logbook. **Logbooks and logbook charts, specific for the Nearshore fishery, are available from the ODFW Marine Resources Program offices listed below.**

Black Rockfish Management Areas (For complete rule see OAR 635-004-0365)

In addition to the black rockfish limits above, special limits apply for specific zones along the Oregon coast. *It is unlawful to take or retain more than 300 pounds of black rockfish per vessel on a single trip within the following areas:*

- Tillamook Head (45° 56' 45" N. latitude) to Cape Lookout (45° 20' 15" N. latitude)
- Cascade Head (45° 03' 50" N. latitude) to Cape Perpetua (44° 18' N. latitude)
- From a point approximately 8½ miles north of the Coos Bay north jetty (43° 30' N. latitude) to a point adjacent to the mouth of Fourmile Creek, approximately 4½ miles south of the Bandon south jetty (43° 03' N. latitude)
- Mack Arch (42° 13' 40" N. latitude) to the Oregon/California border (42° N. latitude)

Sorting Requirement (For complete rule see OAR 635-006-0209)

It is *unlawful* to fail to sort into the categories listed, prior to the first weighing after offloading, those groundfish species or species groups for which there is a trip limit, quota, harvest guideline, harvest cap, size limit, scientific sorting designation, Optimum Yield (OY) or Annual Catch Limit (ACL).

Nearshore fish species must be sorted by individual species and recorded on fish landing tickets with corresponding total weights. This includes vermilion and tiger rockfish and all nearshore rockfish species listed in the Nearshore Fish Species list:

Nearshore Fish Species

a. **Black rockfish**, *Sebastes melanops*

b. **Blue rockfish**, *Sebastes mystinus*

c. **Nearshore fish under the nearshore endorsement:**

- **Other nearshore rockfish**
 - Black and yellow rockfish, *Sebastes chrysomelas*
 - Brown rockfish, *Sebastes auriculatus*
 - Calico rockfish, *Sebastes dalli*
 - China rockfish, *Sebastes nebulosus*
 - Copper rockfish, *Sebastes caurinus*
 - Gopher rockfish, *Sebastes carnatus*
 - Grass rockfish, *Sebastes rastrelliger*
 - Kelp rockfish, *Sebastes atrovirens*
 - Olive rockfish, *sebastes serranoides*
 - Quillback rockfish, *Sebastes maliger*
 - Treefish, *sebastes serriceps*
 - **Greenling**
 - Kelp greenling, *Hexagrammos decagrammus*
 - Painted greenling, *Oxylebius pictus*
 - Rock greenling, *Hexagrammos lagocephalus*
 - Whitespotted greenling, *Hexagrammos stelleri*
 - **Cabazon**, *Scorpaenichthys marmoratus*
 - **Buffalo Sculpin**, *Enophrys bison*
 - **Red Irish Lord**, *Hemilepidotus hemilepidotus*
 - **Brown Irish Lord**, *Hemilepidotus spinosus*
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- **Shelf Rockfish**
 - * Tiger rockfish, *Sebastes nigrocinctus*
 - * Vermilion rockfish, *Sebastes minatus*
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- 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.

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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