



Industry Notice

Commercial Nearshore

December 20, 2021

Commercial Nearshore Regulations Effective January 1, 2022

This notice details regulations for 2022, adopted by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission on December 17th, 2021. In addition to setting 2-month vessel limits, the Commission prohibited retention of Quillback Rockfish for both sport and commercial fisheries due to results of a federal stock assessment conducted in 2021 and suspended the per-trip limits for Black Rockfish Management Areas for a one-year trial period to evaluate impacts. Regulations may change throughout the season to achieve management goals. Check for updates and current regulations at:

https://www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/regulations/commercial_fishing/gfregs/index.asp#Nearshore2

Quillback Rockfish prohibition: Unlawful to *retain or land* Quillback Rockfish taken with any non-trawl gear for commercial purposes, regardless of permit type.

Black Rockfish Management Areas: Per-trip limits for vessels fishing in these areas are *suspended* for 2022.

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

Vessels with a Black Rockfish and Blue Rockfish Permit *WITH or WITHOUT* a Nearshore Endorsement

- Black Rockfish
 - Period 1, January-February: 1,800 pounds
 - Period 2, March-April: 1,800 pounds
 - Period 3, May-June: 2,400 pounds
 - Period 4, July-August: 2,400 pounds
 - Period 5, September-October: 1,800 pounds
 - Period 6, November-December: 1,800 pounds
- Blue & Deacon Rockfish combined: 1,500 pounds per period

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).

Vessels with a Black Rockfish and Blue Rockfish Permit *WITH* a Nearshore Endorsement

- **Other Nearshore Rockfish combined:** 350 pounds per period
- **Cabezon:** 1,500 pounds per period
- **Greenling:** 1,000 pounds per period

Complete current Oregon Administrative Rules can be found at <https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/display-ChapterRules.action?selectedChapter=81>. Click *Division 4 - COMMERCIAL FISHERIES OTHER THAN SALMON OR SHELLFISH* for OAR 635-004-0270 through 635-004-0365.

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State of Oregon 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

• **Cabezon**

• **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.

2022 Federal Fixed Gear Trip Limits North of 40° 10' Latitude

Federal limits for Lingcod and Canary Rockfish have been included in this notice for the past several years. However, changes to federal limits are expected to be published on or around January 1, 2022, therefore ODFW is not including information on Lingcod or Canary Rockfish trip limits in this notice. It is the responsibility of each fisher to know and comply with federal trip limits that are in effect at any given time. For complete and up to date Federal Trip Limit Tables, please see "Current Trip Limit Tables" at:

www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/west-coast-groundfish#commercial

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