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Industry and Public Meeting for the 2026 Fishing Year

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September 2026

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Tonight's meeting

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Tonight's meeting

Ground Rules

- Listen to understand and ask questions.
- Focus on interests and ideas, not positions or single solutions. Share your expertise.
- Respect different viewpoints. Speak honestly and disagree without being disagreeable.
- Share the airtime. Everyone participate; no one dominate. One speaker at a time.

Tonight's meeting

Agenda

- Federal management and stock assessment update
- Review of 2026 fishery
- Harvest Guidelines for 2027
- Options for 2027 bi-monthly vessel catch limits
- Input from industry and other interested parties

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Select Final Assessment Results

Stock	Area	Fraction unfished (2025)	Status	ABC 2027	ABC 2028	Catches 2015-2024 Min	Catches 2015-2024 Max	Catches 2015-2024 Ave
Full assessment								
Quillback	CA	44%	Healthy	11.6	11.9	1.2	19.2	11.6
Yellowtail	Coastwide	63%	Healthy	4,723	4,540	1,517	3,692	2,965
Update assessment								
Widow	Coastwide	50%	Healthy	4,596	4,810	881	12,116	8,026
Yelloweye	Coastwide	40%	Rebuilt	112.9	113.1	9.0	39.3	22.3
Catch-only projection								
Black	OR	43%	Healthy	372	378	376	595	470
Canary	Coastwide	35%	Precautionary	644	667	76	724	484

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2027-2028 LE Fixed Gear and OA Trip Limits

Stock	Federal Limited Entry	Federal Open Access
Canary rockfish	4,000 lb/ 2 months	2,000 lb/ 2 months
Lingcod (OR/WA)	11,000 lb/ 2 months	9,000 lb/ 2 months
Shelf rockfish	8,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 300 lb vermilion/sunset rockfish	6,400 lb/ 2 months, no more than 300 lb vermilion/sunset rockfish
Widow rockfish	12,000 lb/ 2 months	8,000 lb/ 2 months
Yelloweye rockfish	75 lb/2 months	50 lb/2 months
Yellowtail rockfish	7,000 lb/ 2 months	5,000 lb/ 2 months

***In-season changes may be adopted at future Council meetings**

Non-trawl Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)

- 30 -75 fathoms
- No fishing for groundfish with non-trawl gear except:
  - Fishing with stationary vertical jig gear or groundfish troll gear is allowed

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Stock Definitions

Final Preferred Alternative for nearshore species

Majors			
Species	**WA**	**OR**	**CA**
Black rockfish			
Blue/Deacon rockfish			
Cabezon			
China rockfish			
Copper rockfish			
Kelp greenling			
Quillback rockfish			
Vermilion rockfish			

Minors			
Species	**WA**	**OR**	**CA**
Black and Yellow rockfish			
Brown rockfish			
Calico rockfish			
Gopher rockfish			
Grass rockfish			
Kelp rockfish			
Olive rockfish			
Tiger rockfish			
Treefish			

Remain in FMP | **Remove from FMP** | **Move to Ecosystem Component**

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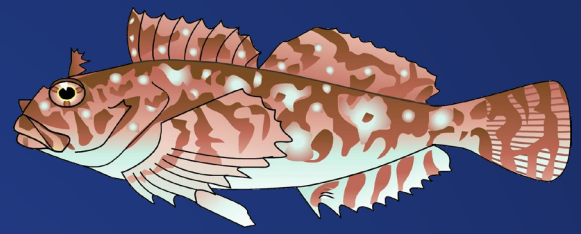
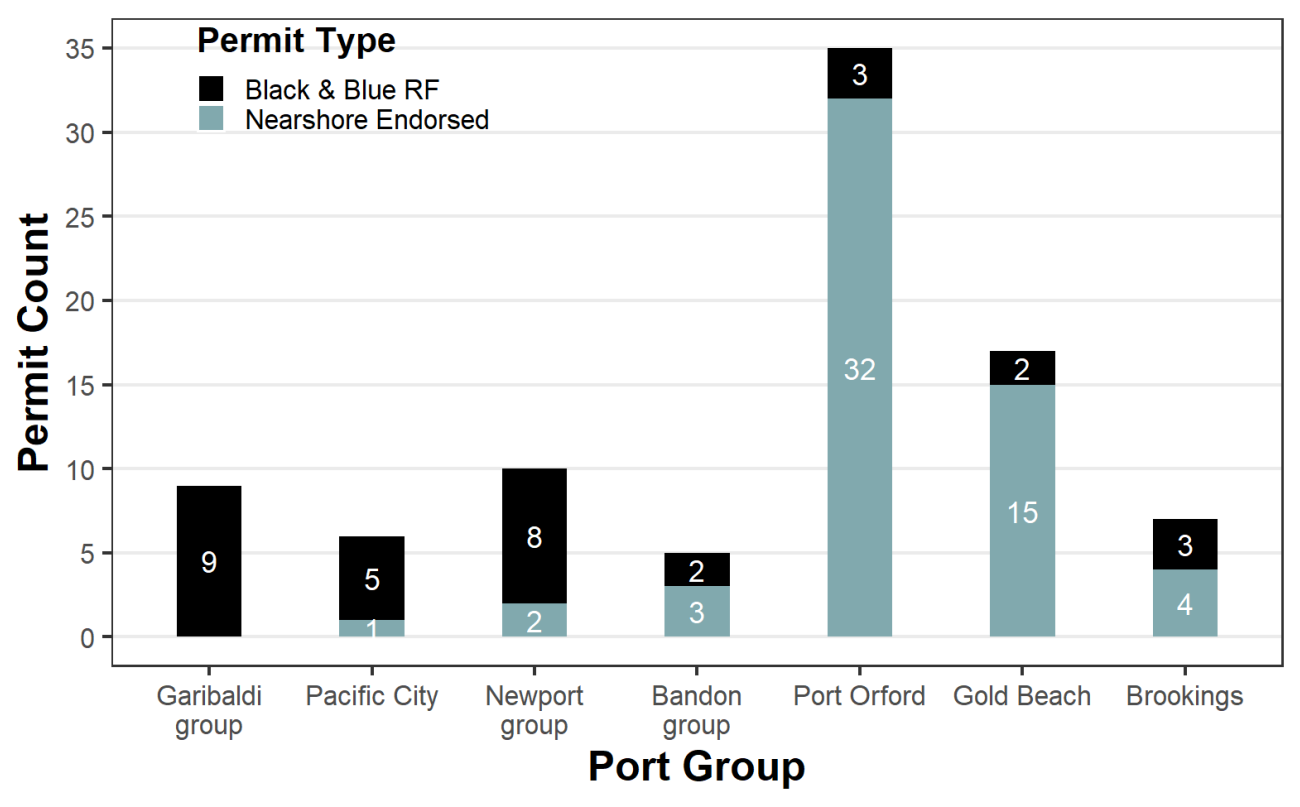
Review of the 2026 Season
(Landings through Aug 28 or 66% of season)

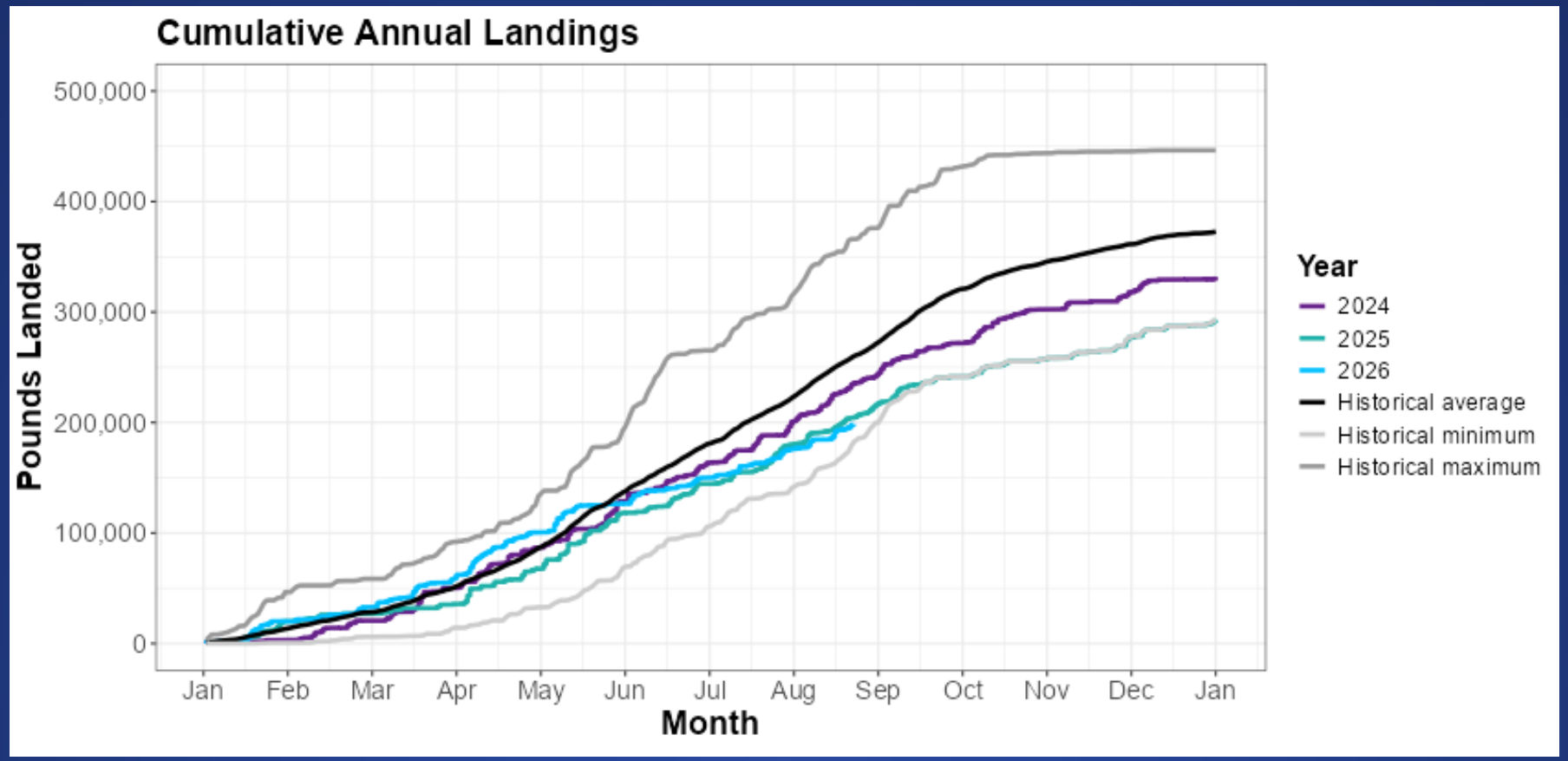


2025 Nearshore Fishery Permits



- 40 permits for Black & Blue (B/B) Rockfish without a Nearshore Endorsement
  - 32 B/B permitted vessels landed B/B Rockfish
  - 32/40 permits (80%) active
- 67 B/B Nearshore-Endorsed permits
  - 58 NS vessels landed B/B or nearshore fish
  - 57/67 permits (86%) active

2026 Total Landings
(through August 28, 66% of the season)



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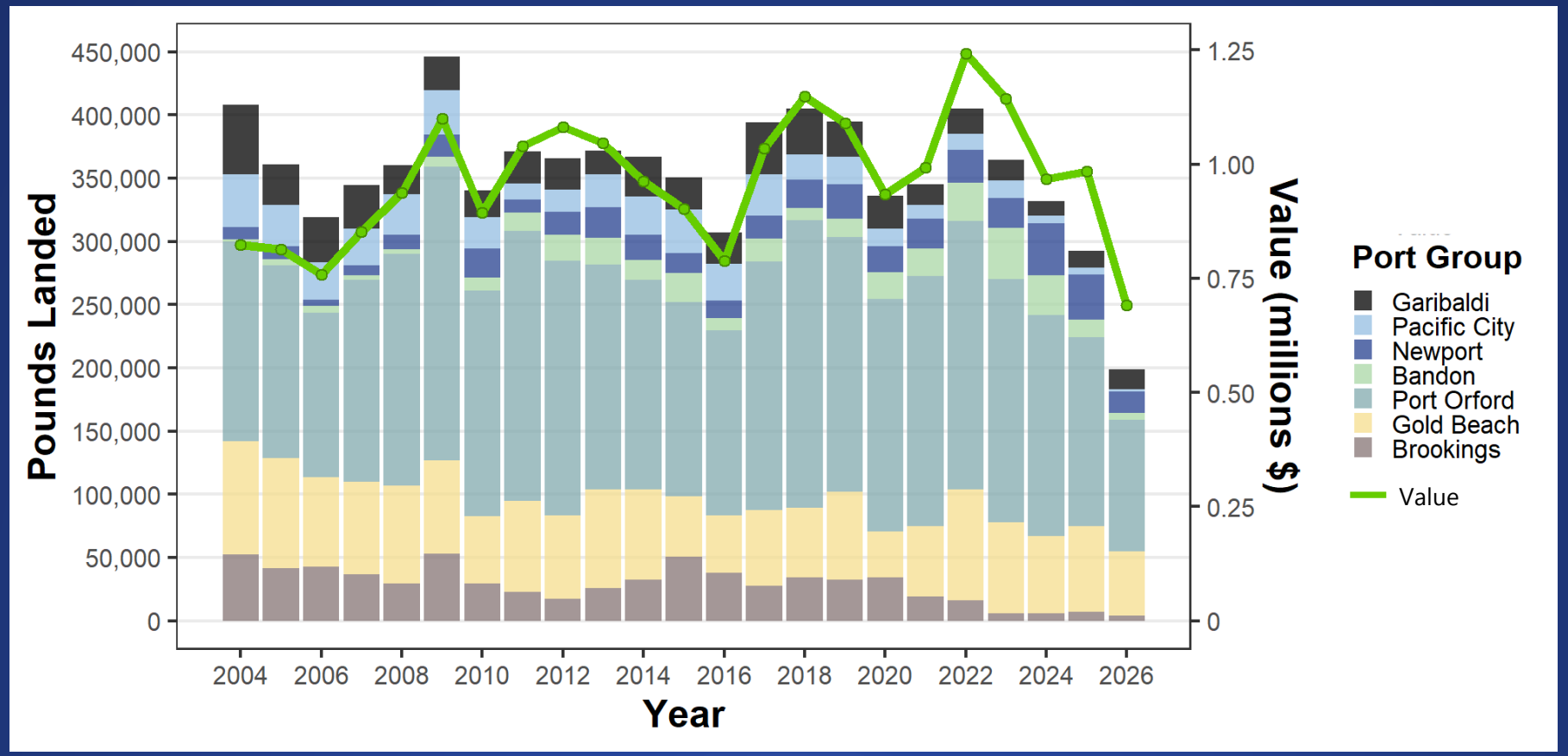
Total Landings and Value by Port*



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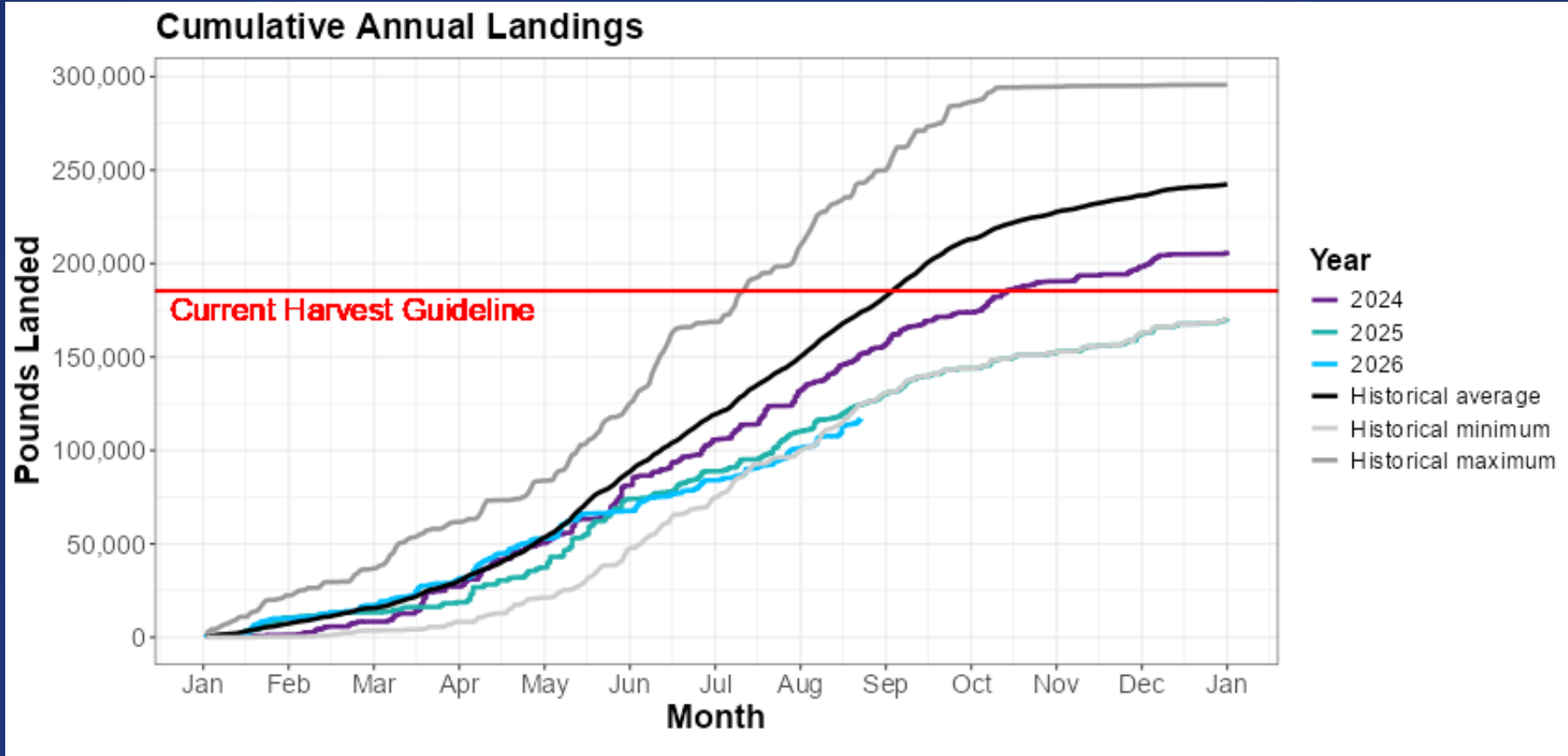
Black Rockfish Landings
(63% of cap - 66% of season)



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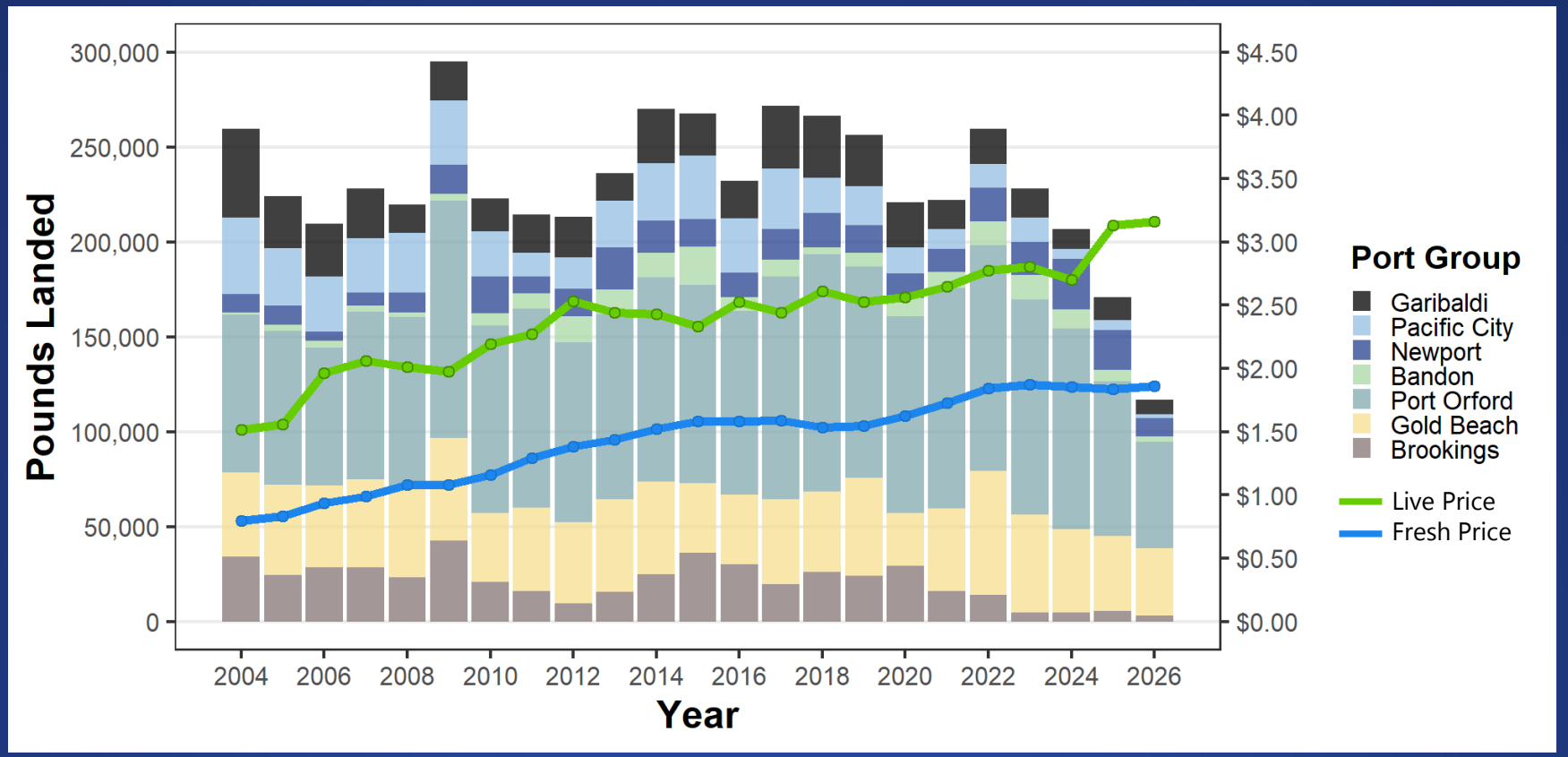
Black Rockfish Landings by Port*



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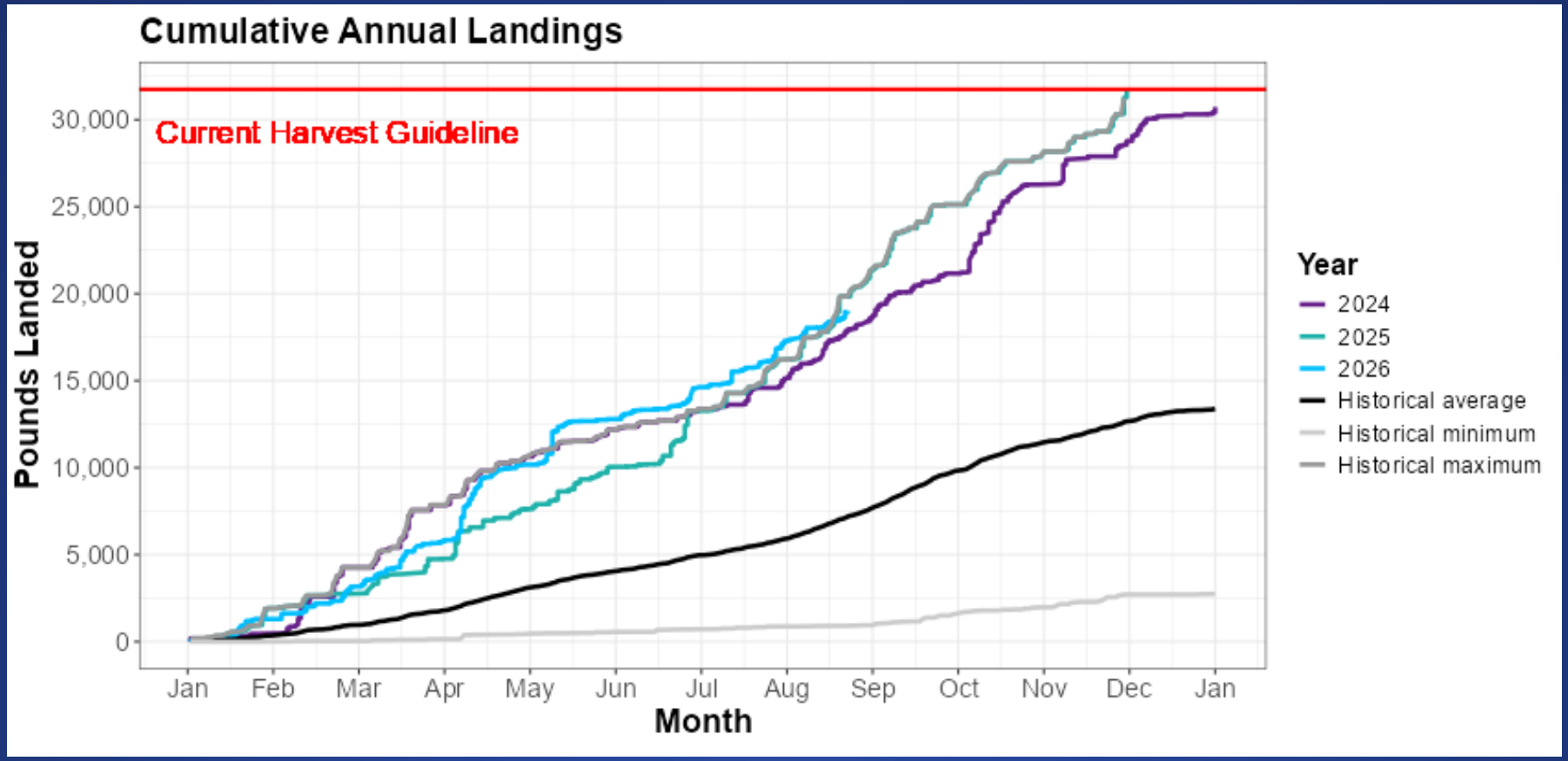
Blue and Deacon Rockfish Landings
(60% of cap - 66% of season)



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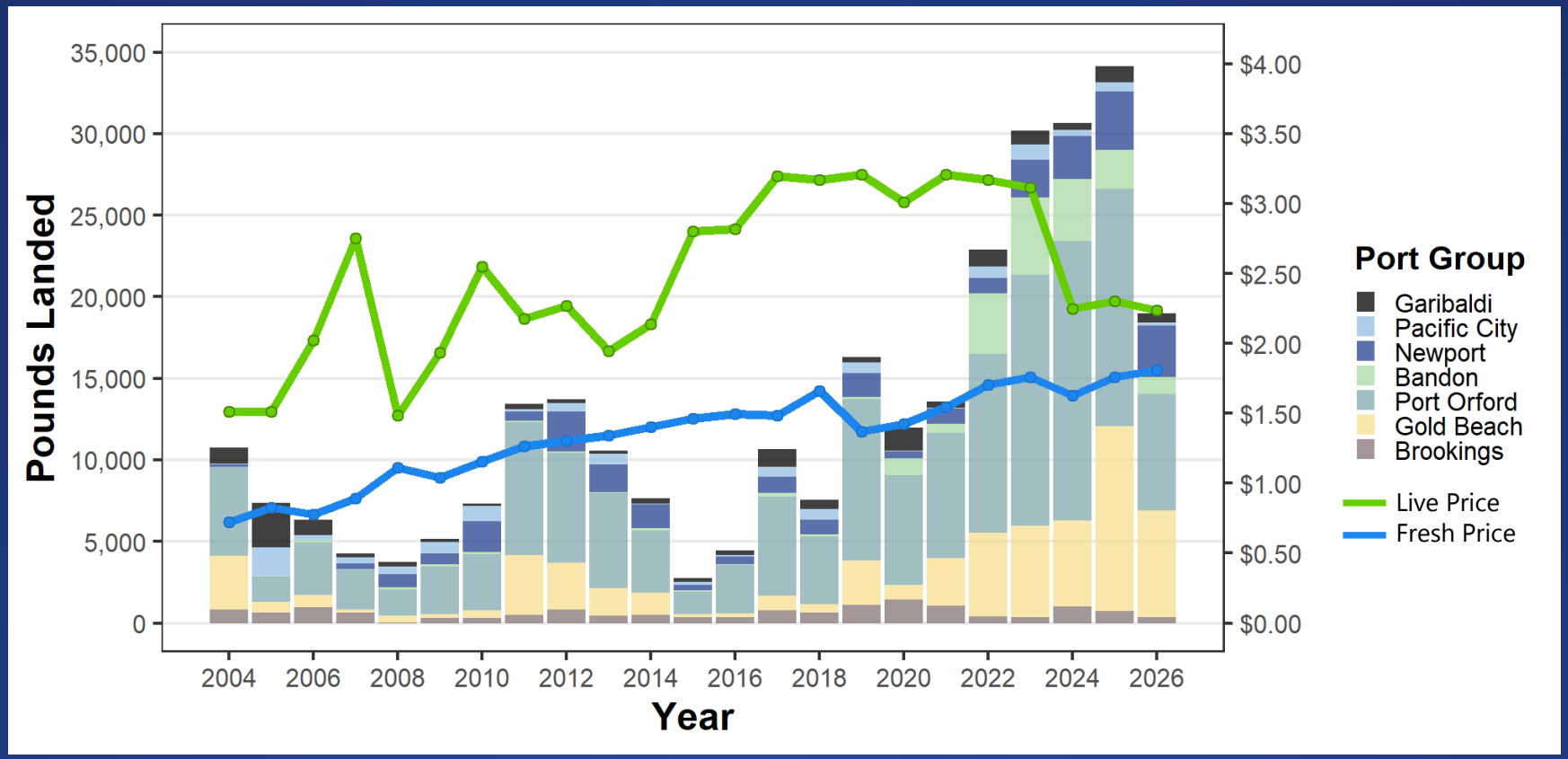
Blue and Deacon Rockfish Landings by Port*



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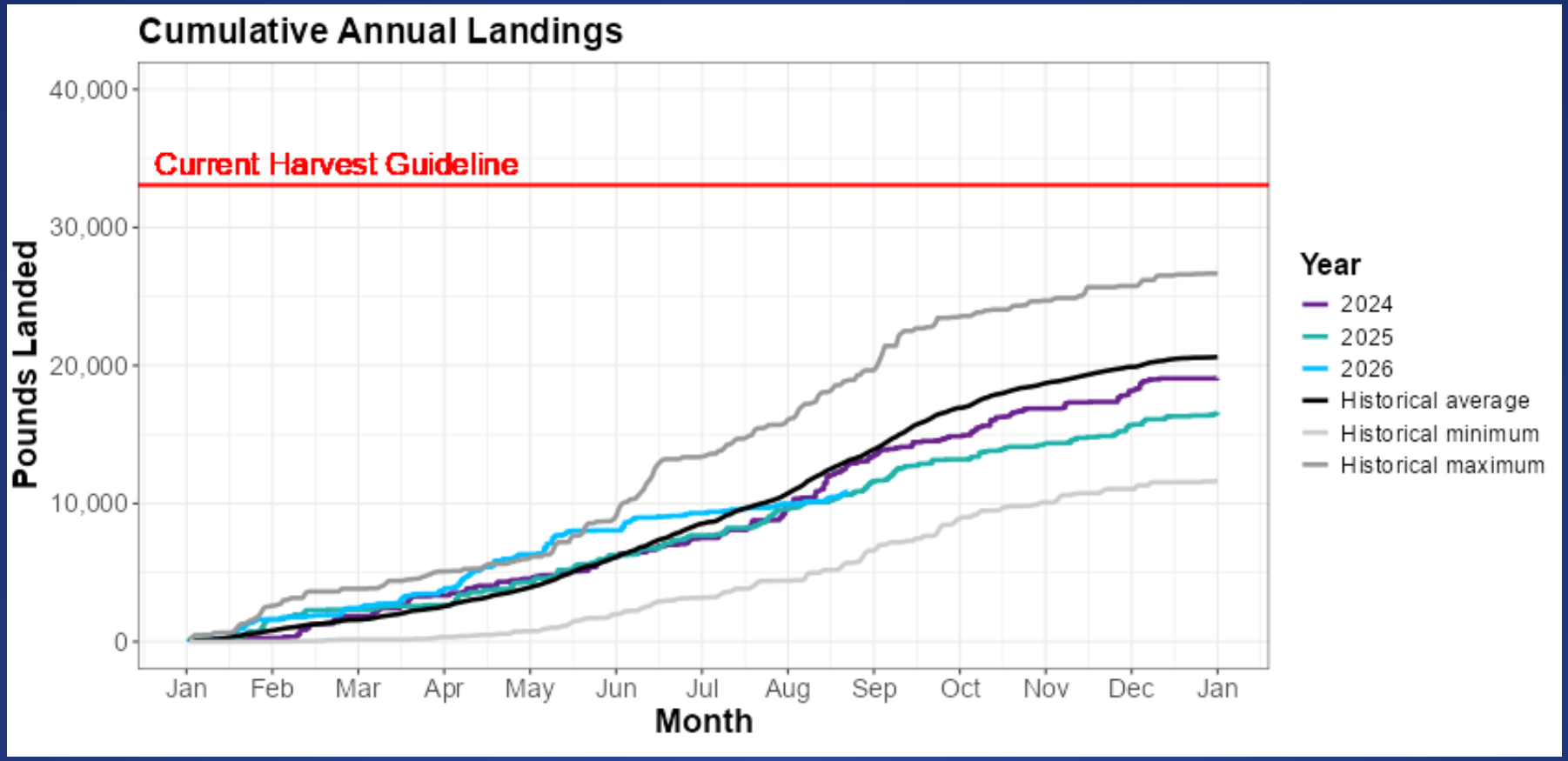
Other Nearshore Rockfish Landings
(33% of cap - 66% of season)



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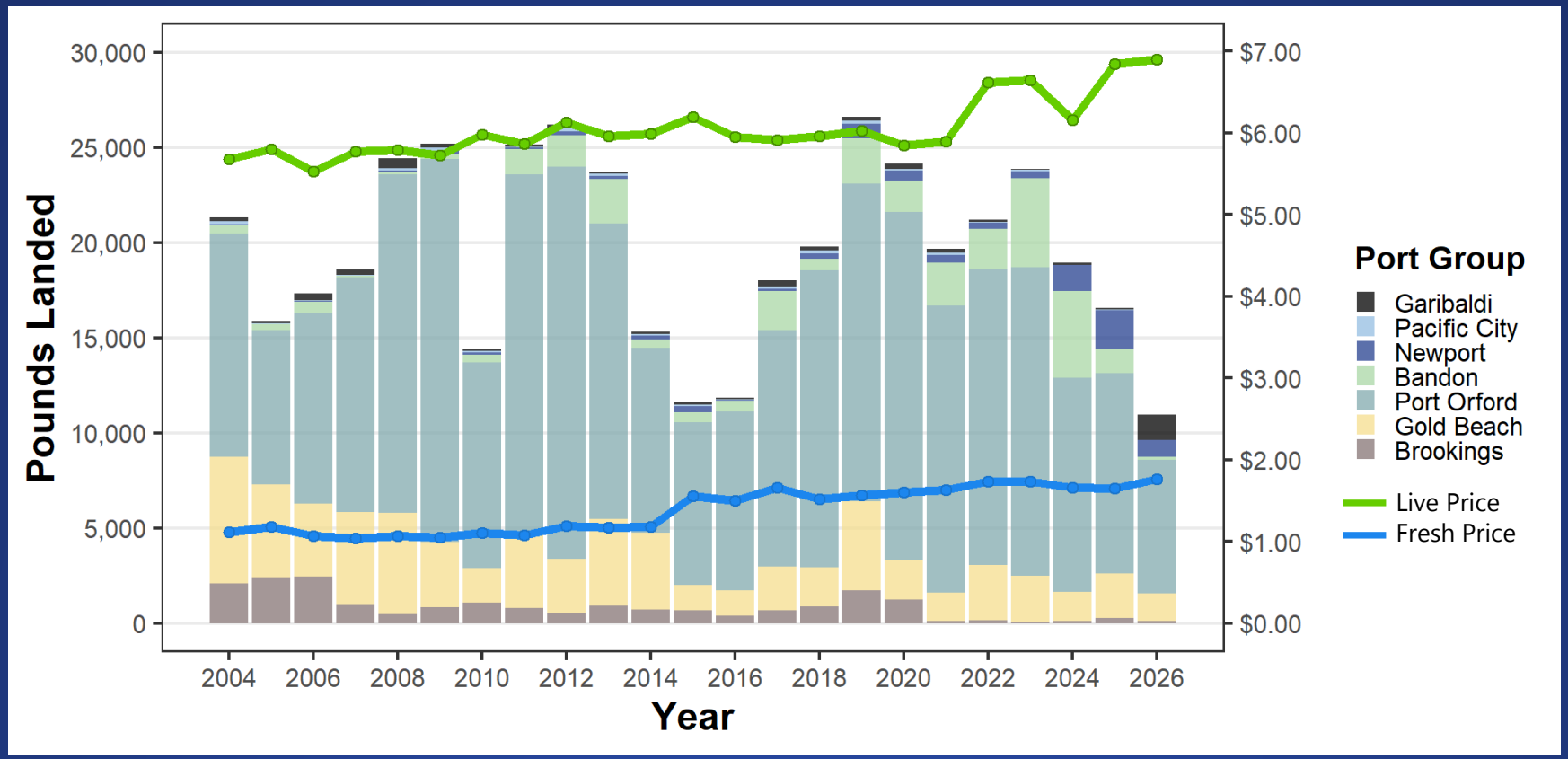

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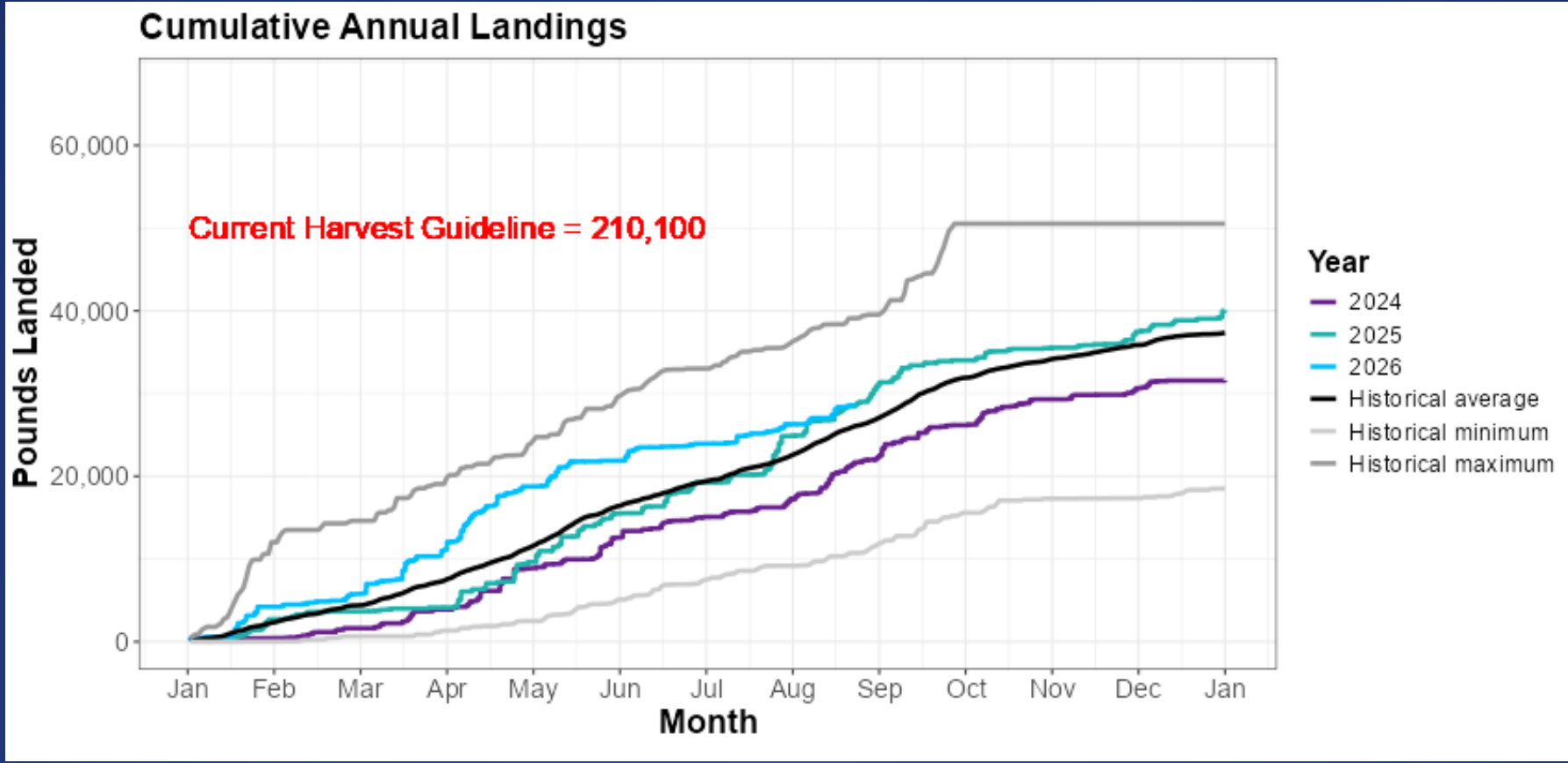
Greenling Landings
(14% of cap - 66% of season)



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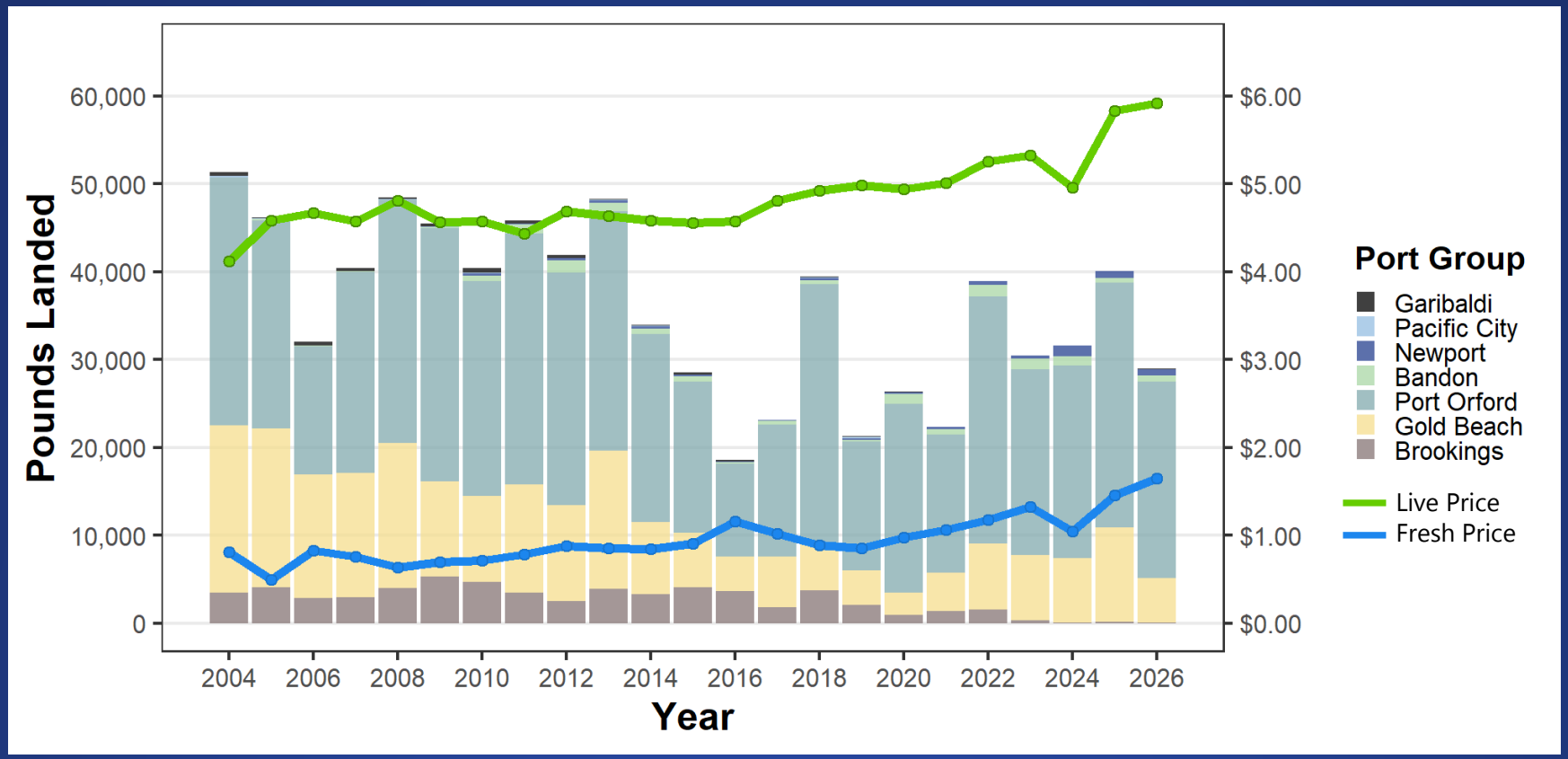

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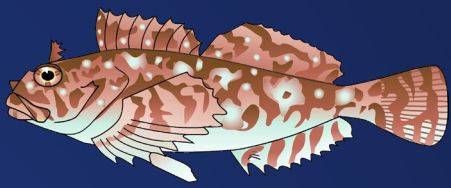
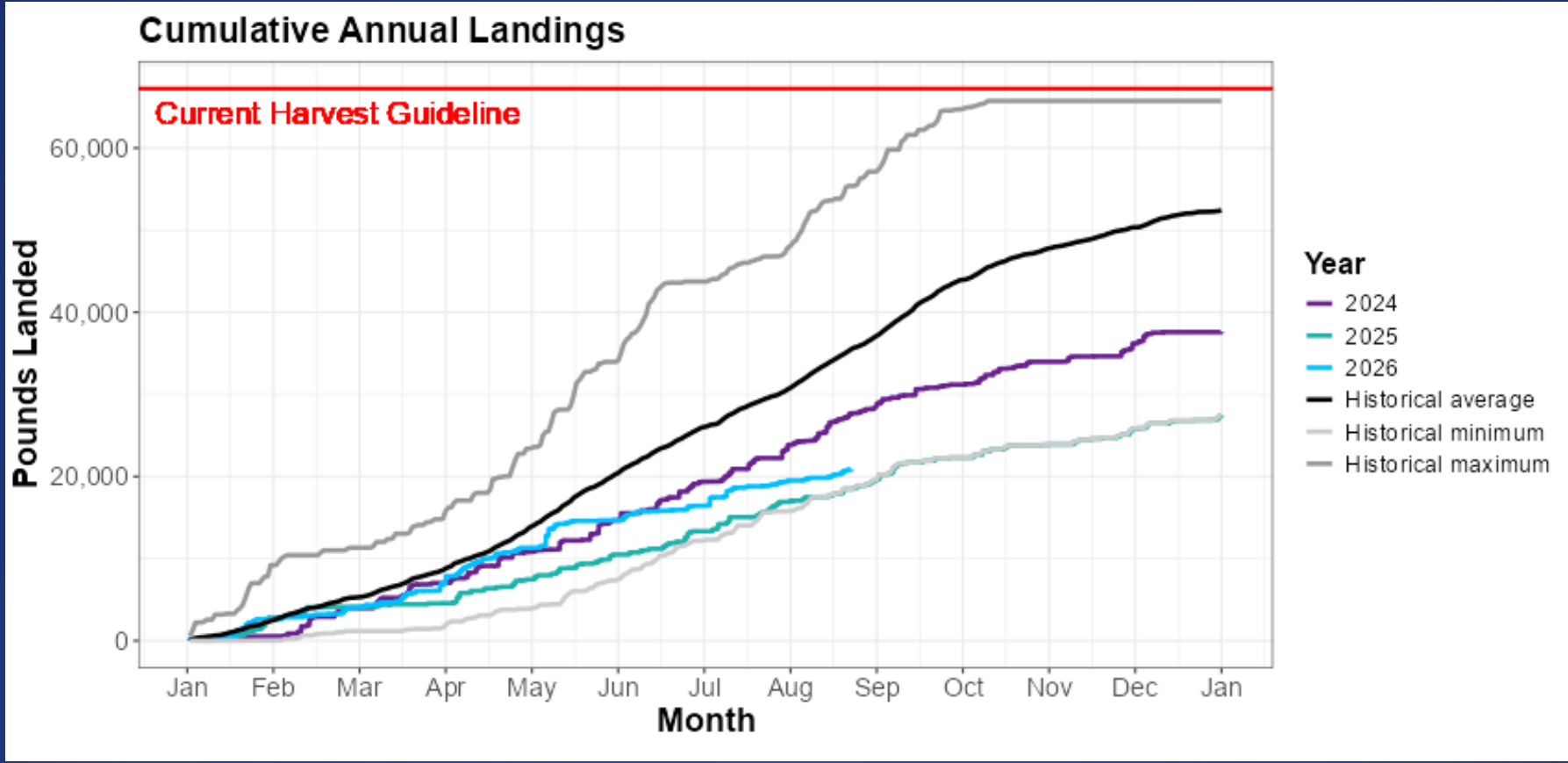
Cabezon Landings
(31% of cap - 66% of season)





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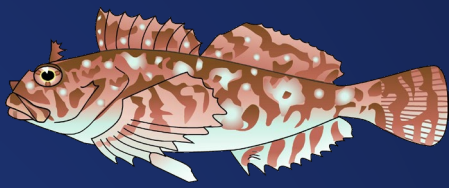

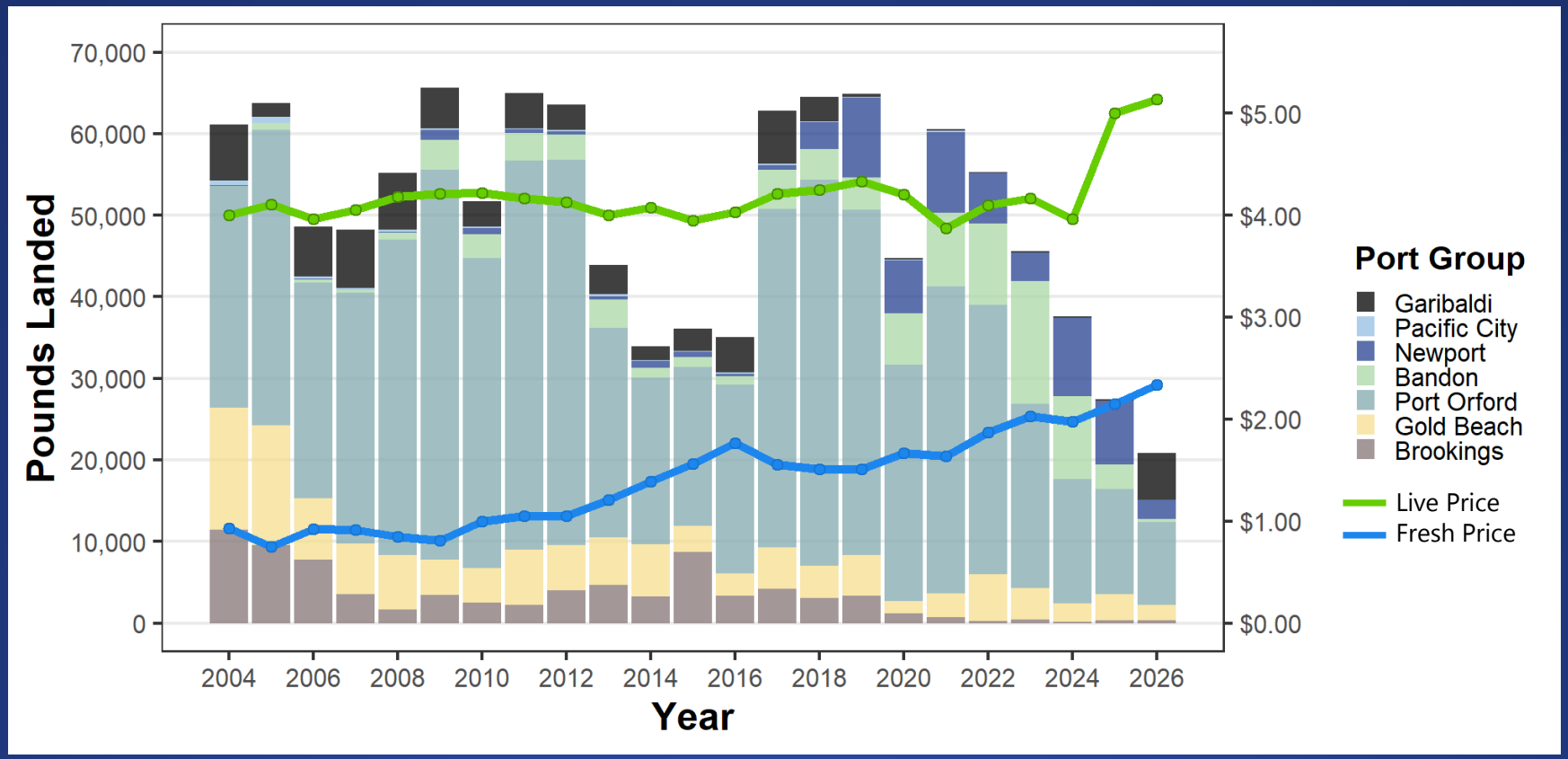

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2026 Landings Summary
(through August 28, 66% of season)

	Black RF	Blue & Deacon RF	ONSRF	Greenling	Cabezon
Harvest Guideline (lbs)	185,411	31,747	33,069	210,100	67,241
Totals – 8/28	116,820	19,009	10,867	28,700	20,873
% of HG Landed	63%	60%	33%	14%	31%
Remainder	68,591	12,738	22,202	181,400	46,368

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Management Strategy

Provide sustainable fishing opportunity without exceeding federal and state harvest limits or yelloweye or quillback rockfish impacts.

Predictability

- Bi-monthly vessel limits set at season start
- Year-round season
- Market supply
- Few or no in-season changes

Management Process

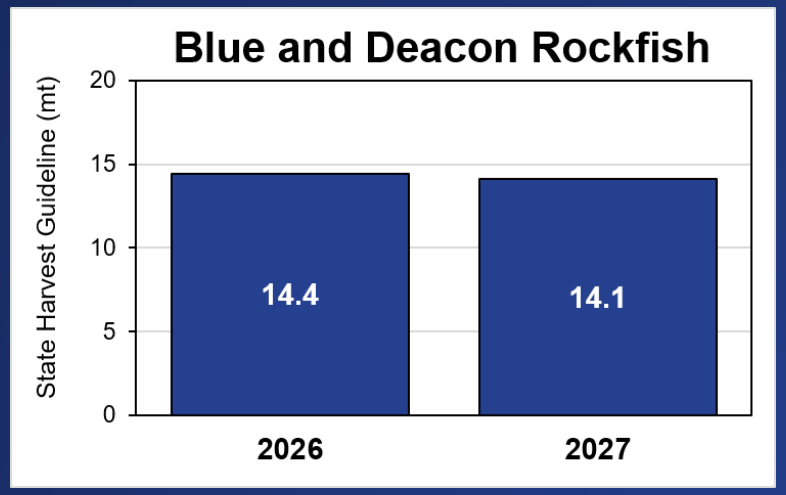
NOAA Fisheries + Pacific Fishery Management Council

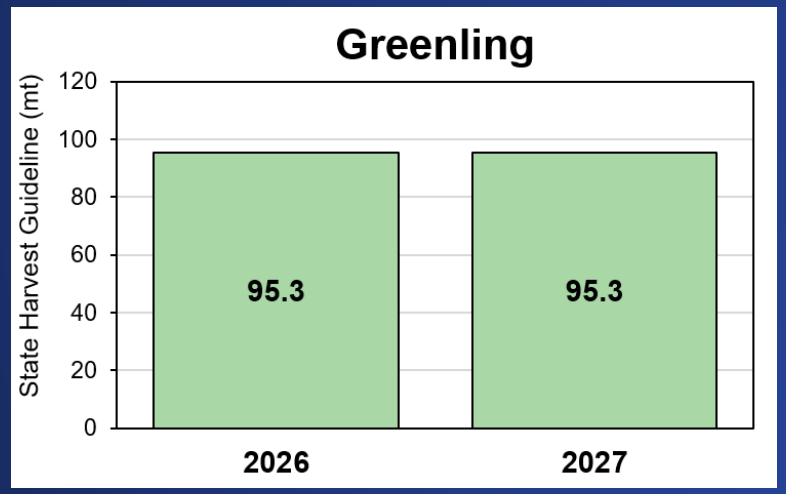
- Stock assessments
- Harvest limits by stock and area

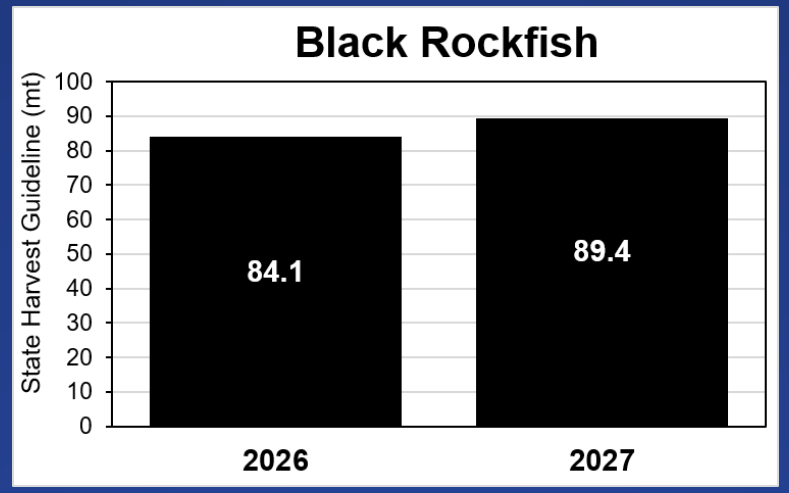
ODFW + Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission

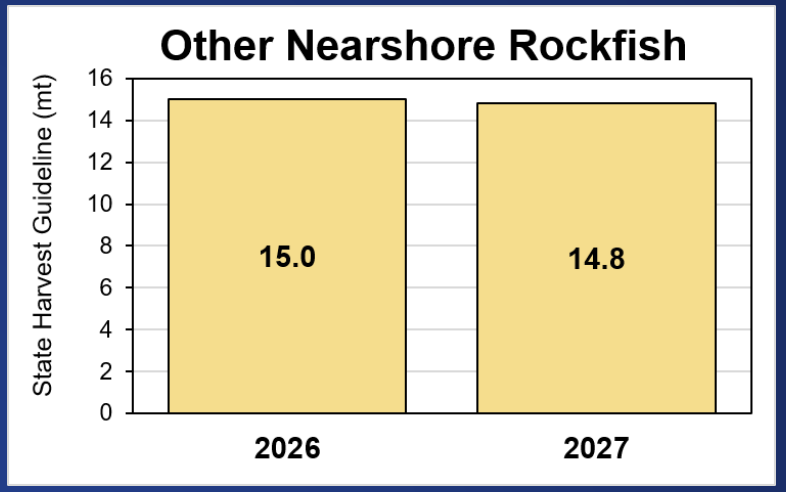
- Harvest Guidelines for sport and commercial fisheries
- Bi-monthly vessel limits and other state regulations
- Commission meeting Dec 11, 2026, at ODFW HQ in Salem
  - Written public comment open Oct 20-Nov 11
  - In-person testimony day of
  - Virtual testimony with 48-hour advance sign-up

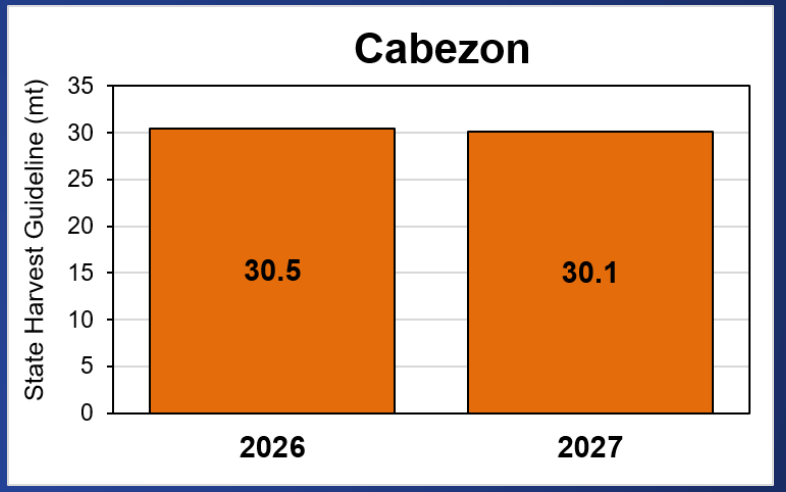
Commercial Harvest Guidelines











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Black Rockfish Bimonthly Limits

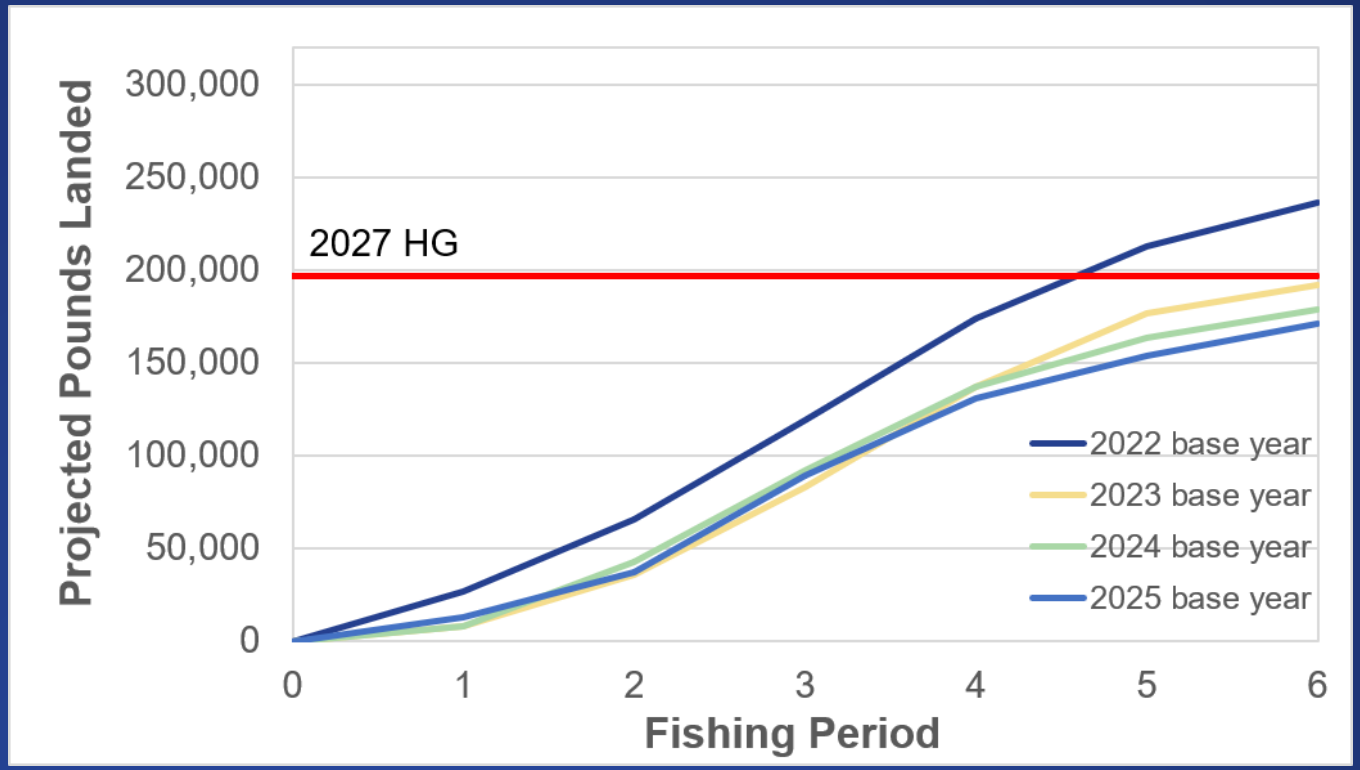
(92% of HG attained in 2025)

Black RF	2025 Outset	2025 with In-season changes	2026 Outset	2026 with In-season changes
P1	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
P2	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
P3	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600
P4	1,600	1,600	1,600	2,000
P5	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,600
P6	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,600

2027 Black Rockfish Projections

Status quo: stick with 2026 limits

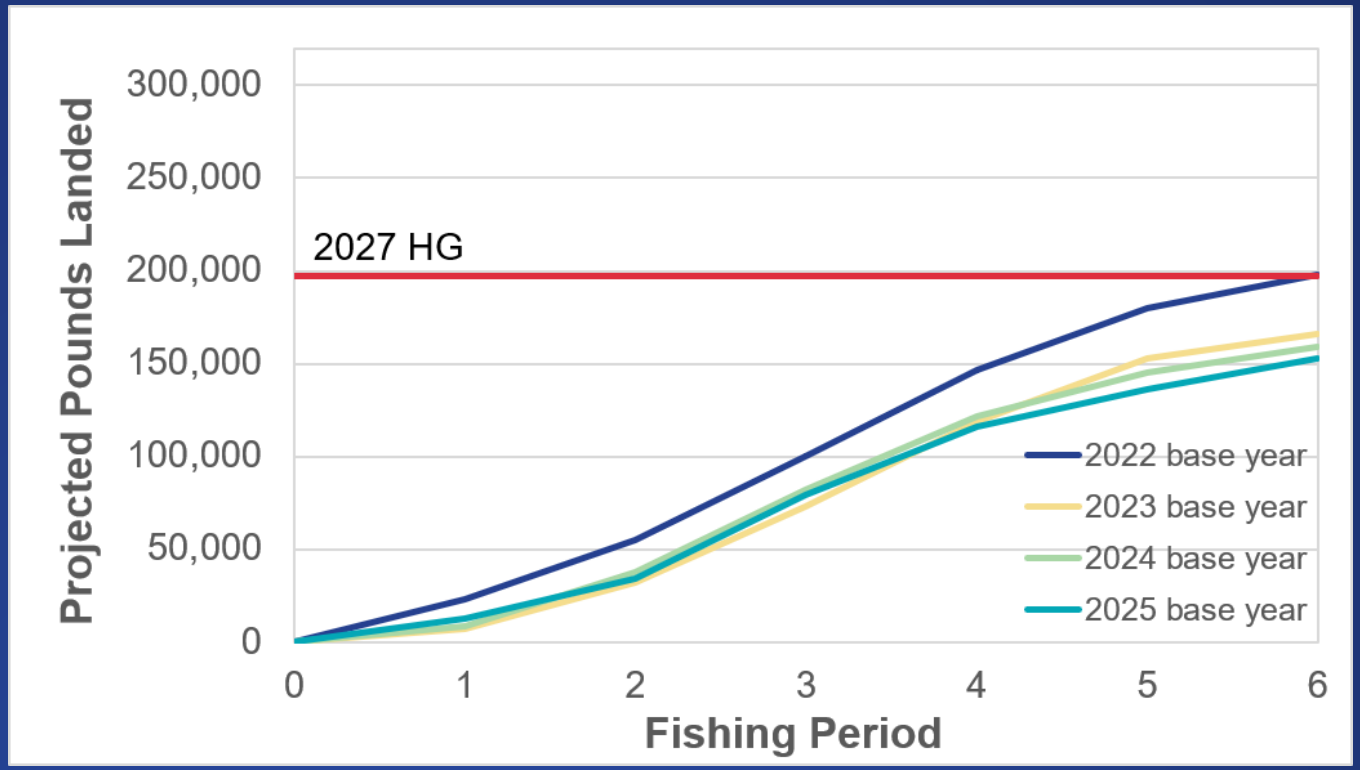
Status Quo Limits	
Period	Limit
1	1,200
2	1,200
3	1,600
4	1,600
5	1,200
6	1,200



2027 Black Rockfish Projections

Lower limits: stay below HG even if fishing is as high as 2022

Lower Limits	
Period	Limit
1	900
2	900
3	1,200
4	1,200
5	900
6	900



2027 Black Rockfish Projections

Much higher limits: same as 2024, before HG reduction

2024 Limits	
Period	Limit
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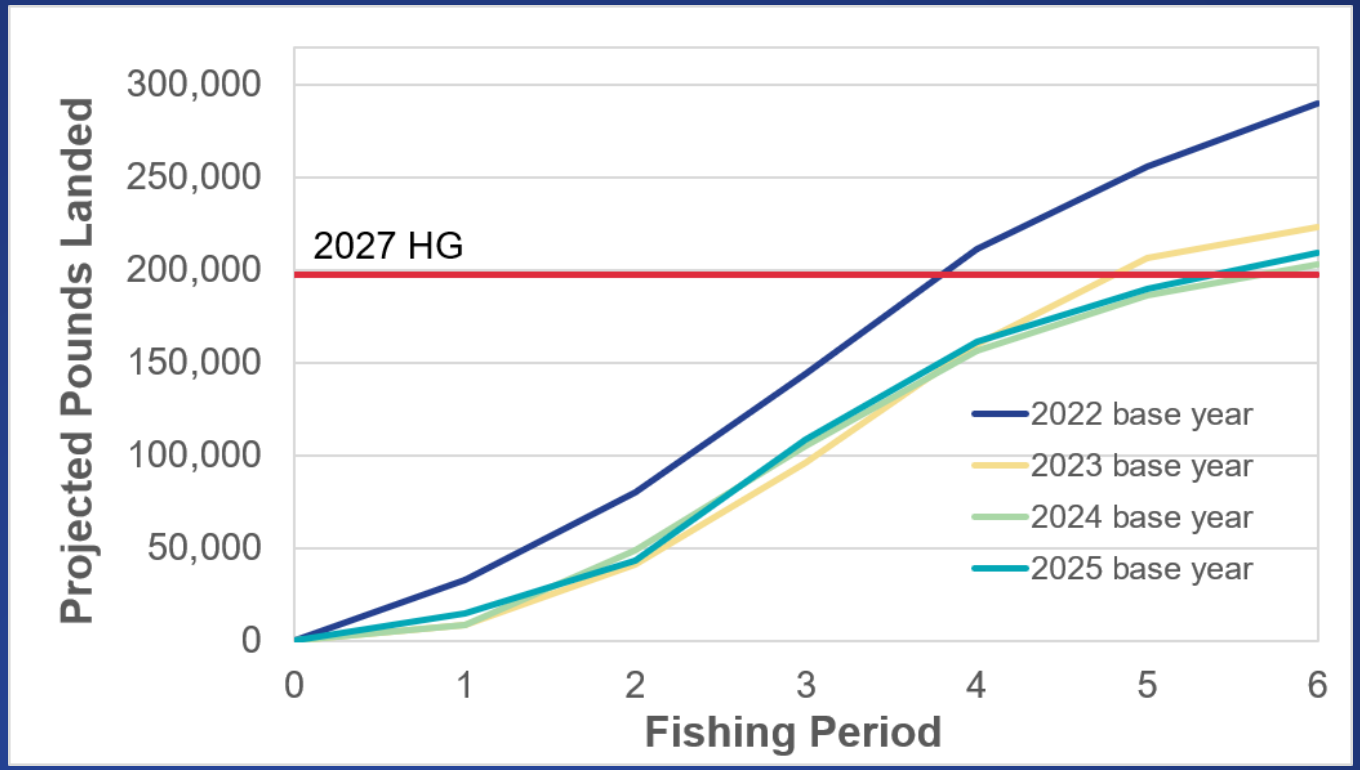
2	1,800
3	2,400
4	2,400
5	1,800
6	1,800



2027 Black Rockfish Projections

Balanced: increase limits with moderate risk

Higher Limits	
Period	Limit
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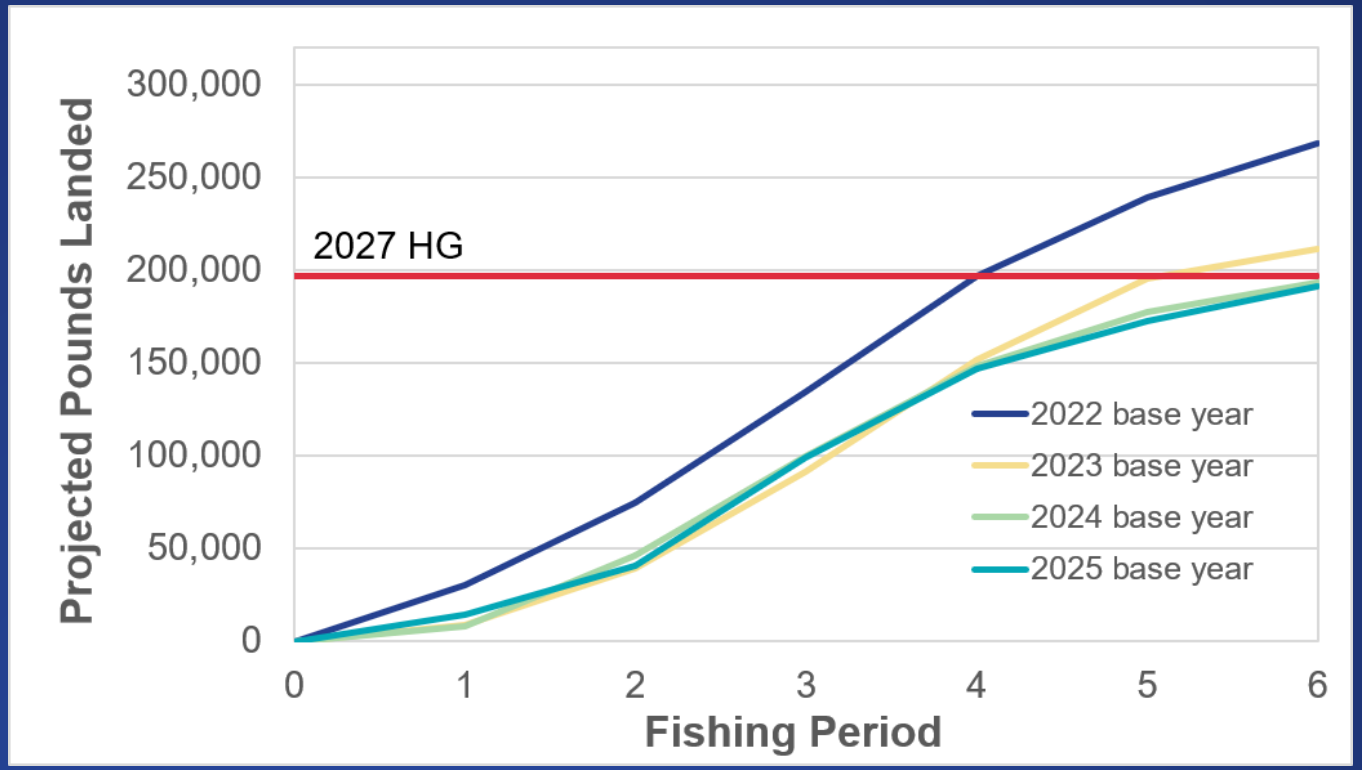
3	2,000
4	2,000
5	1,500
6	1,500



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Black Rockfish Bimonthly Limits

* Goal: 2-month vessel limits achieve a 12-month season

Black RF	2025 Outset	2025 with In-season changes	2026 Outset	2026 with In-season changes	2027
P1	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	**1,200?**
P2	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	**1,200?**
P3	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	**1,600?**
P4	1,600	1,600	1,600	2,000	**1,600?**
P5	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,600	**1,200?**
P6	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,600	**1,200?**

Other Bimonthly Limits

* Goal: 2-month vessel limits achieve a 12-month

Species group	2025 Outset	2025 with In-season changes	2026 Outset	2026 with In-season changes
Blue RF	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Other NS RF	450	650 (P 4-6)	650	650
Cabezon	1,500	2,500 (P 4-6)	2,000	2,500 (P 4-6)
Greenling	1,200	2,000 (P 4-6)	2,000	2,000

Prohibition on landing or retaining quillback rockfish in recreational and commercial fisheries

2027 Blue & Deacon RF Projections

Status quo: stick with 2026 limits

Status Quo Limits	
Period	Limit
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4	1,500
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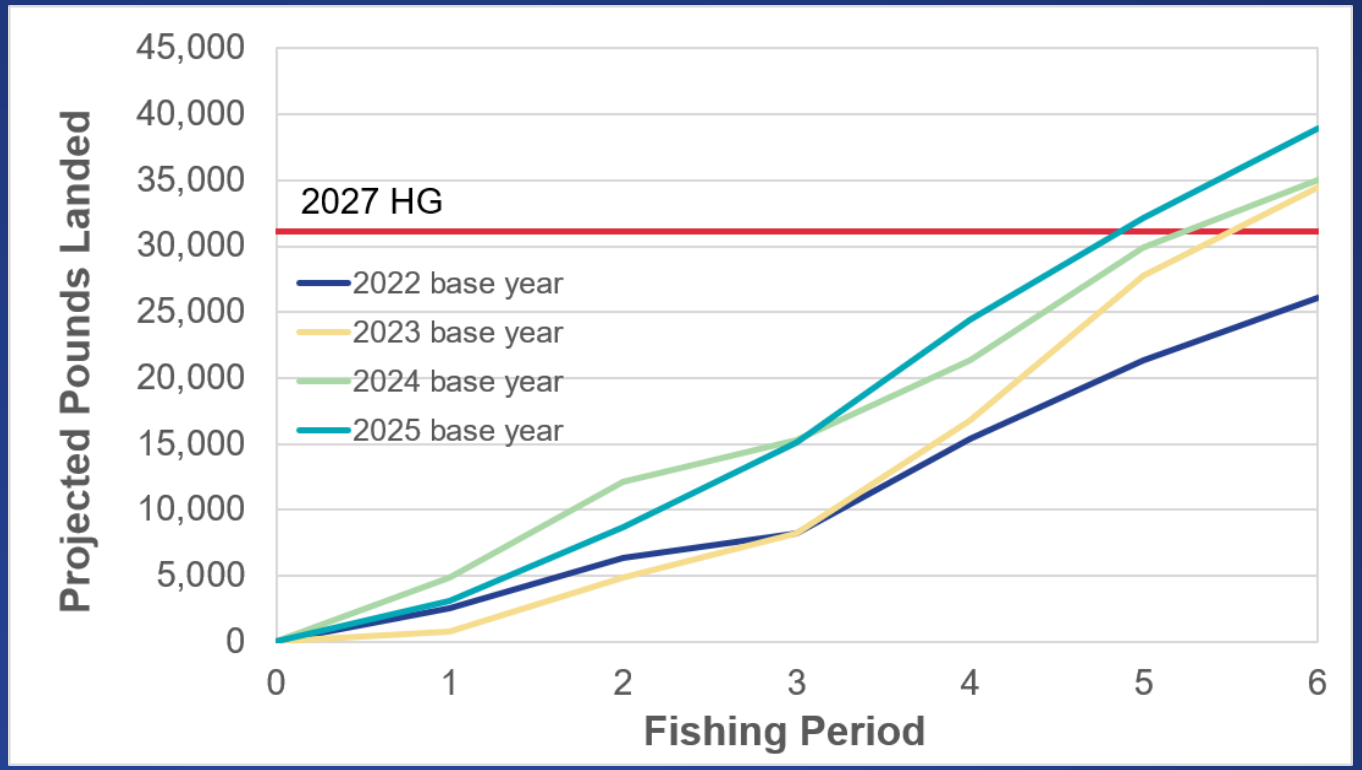
6	1,500



2027 Blue & Deacon RF Projections

Lower limits: stay below HG for all base years

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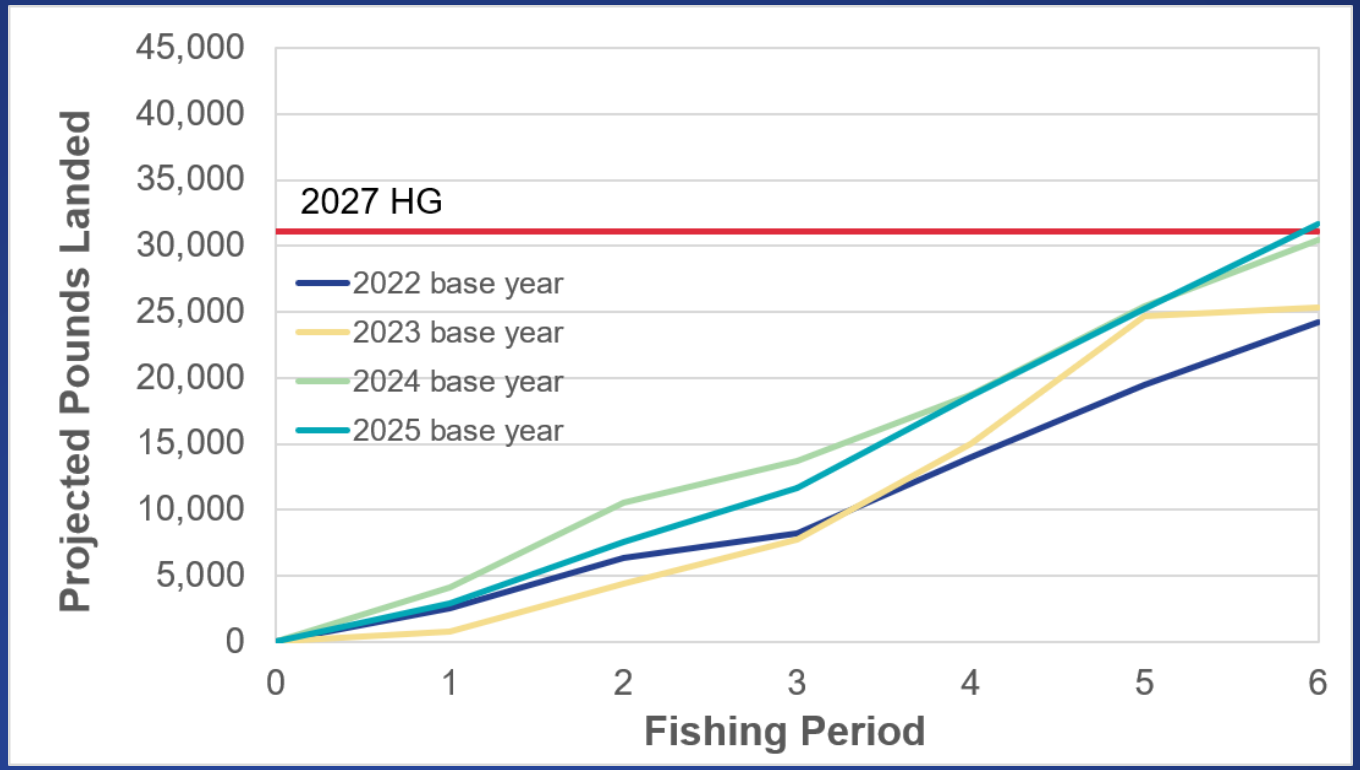

2027 Other Nearshore RF Projections

Status quo: stick with 2026 limits

Status Quo Limits	
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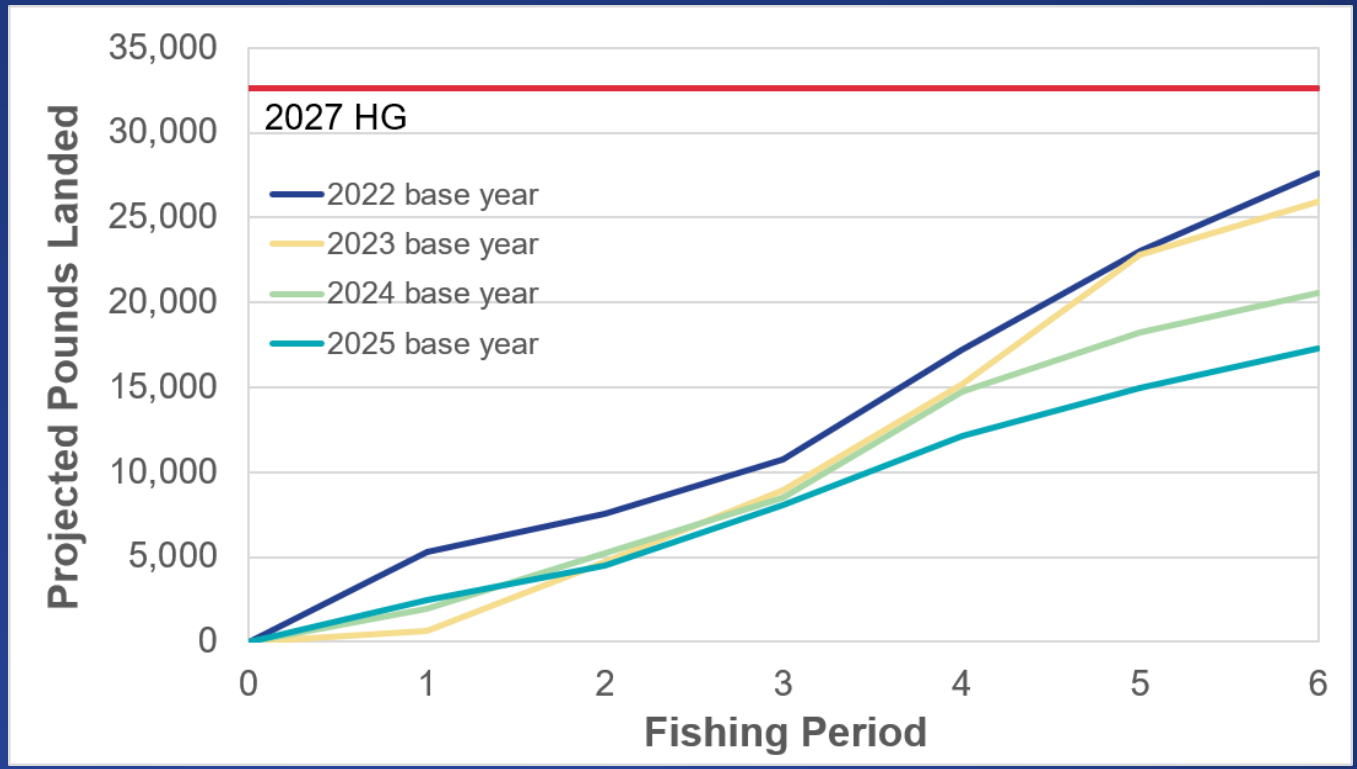
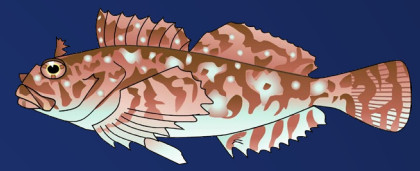


2027 Cabezon Projections



Status quo: stick with 2026 limits

Status Quo Limits	
Period	Limit
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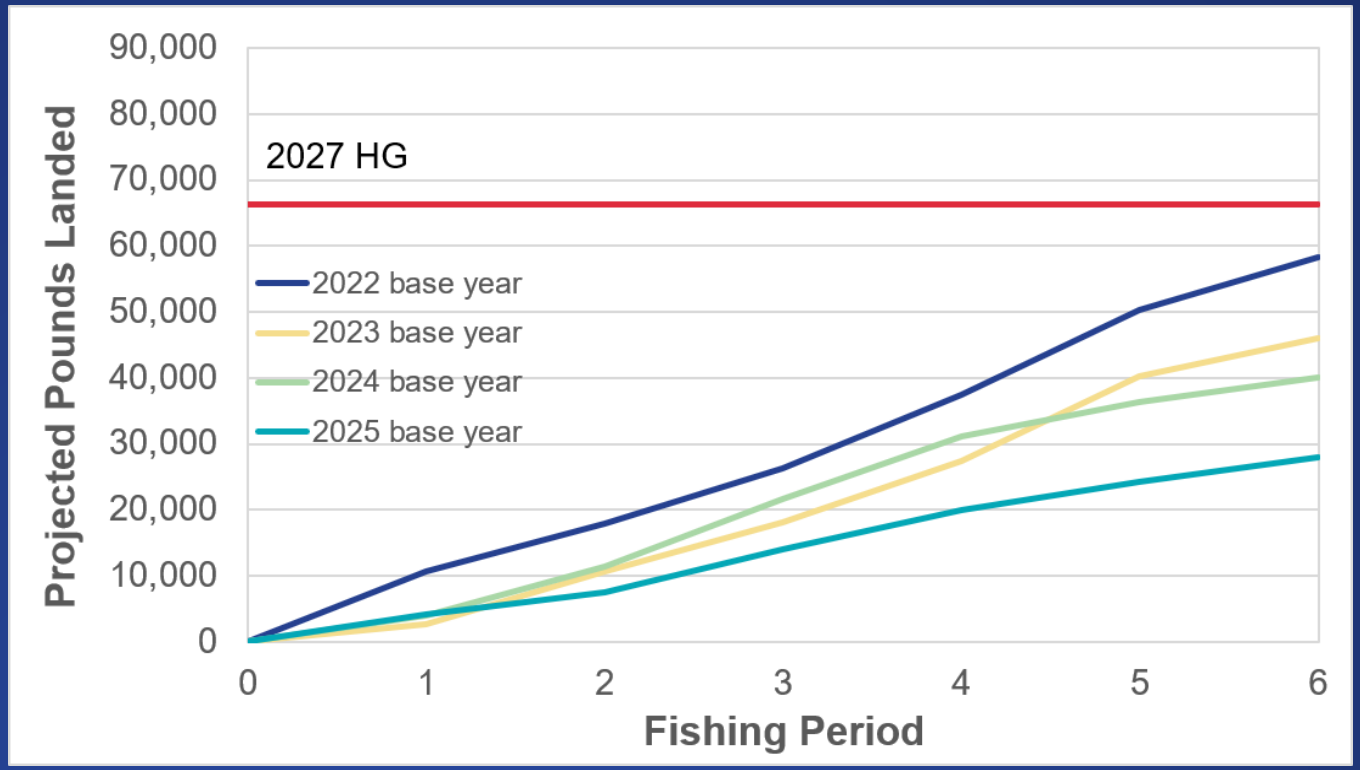

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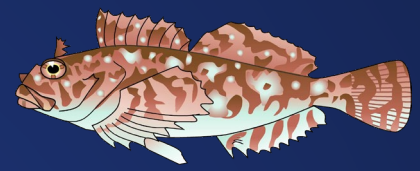

Higher limits: like 2023-2026 in-season changes

Higher Limits	
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4	2,500
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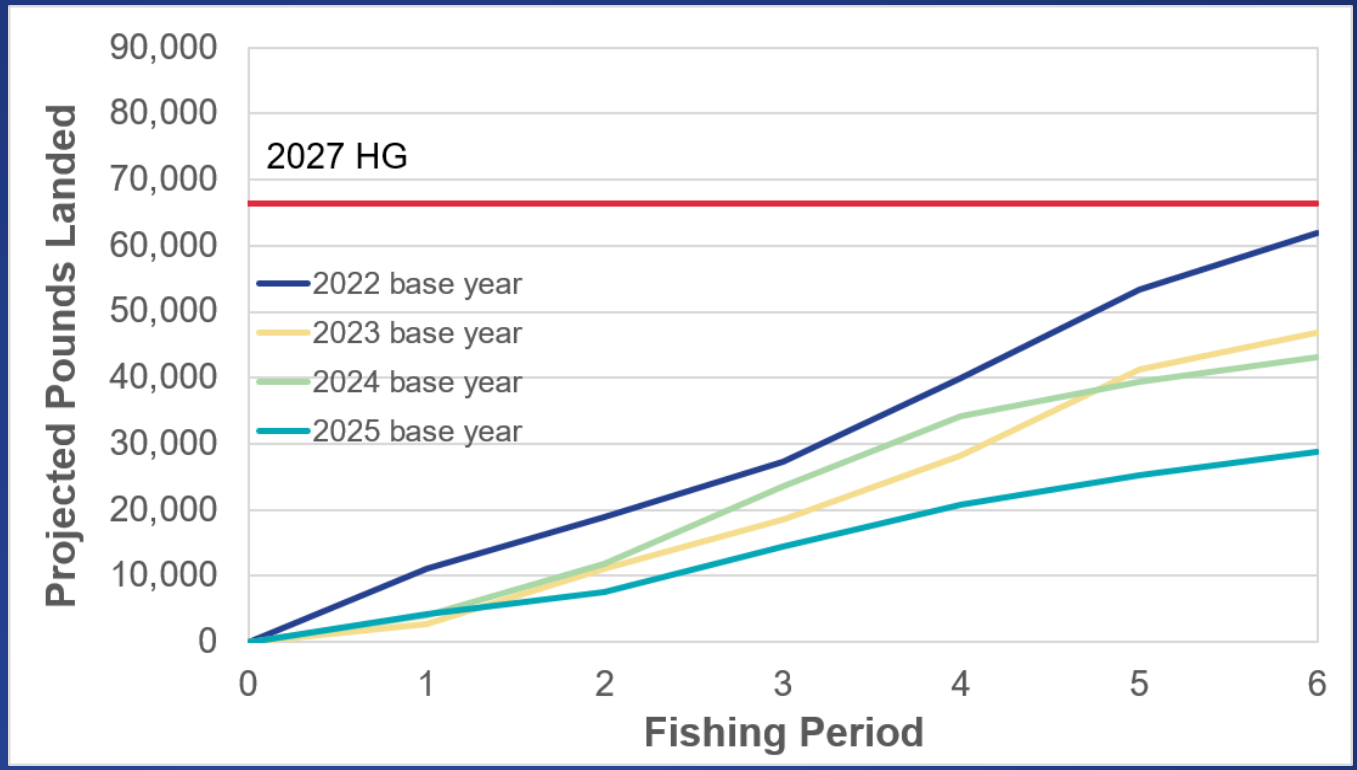
6	2,500



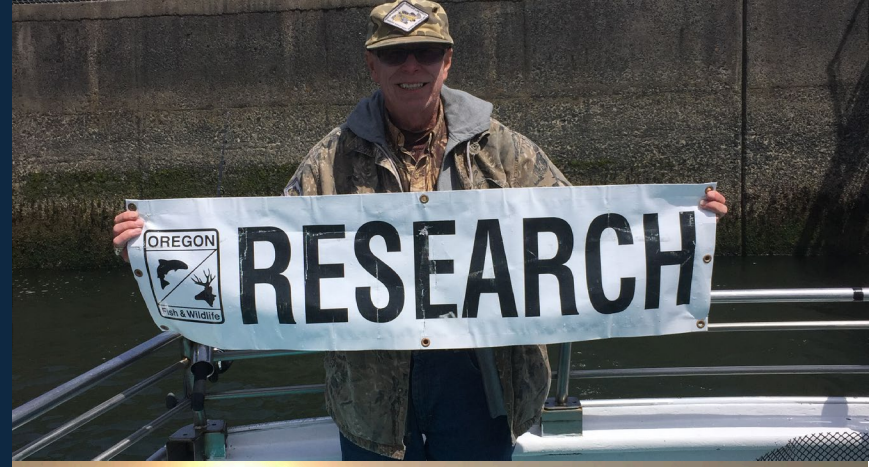
Other Bimonthly Limits

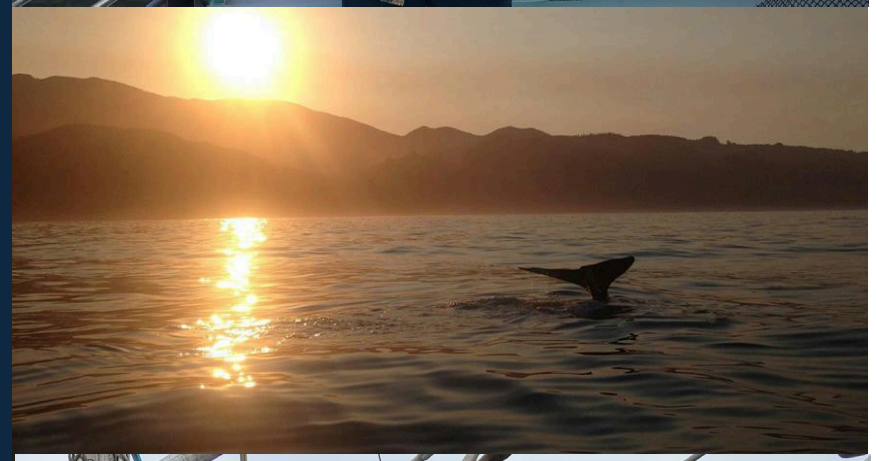
* Goal: 2-month cumulative trip limits to achieve a 12-month season

Species group	2025 Outset	2025 w/ In-season changes	2026 Outset	2026 with In-season changes	2026
Blue RF	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	?
Other NS RF	450	650 (P 4-6)	650	650	?
Cabezon	1,500	2,500 (P 4-6)	2,000	2,500 (P 4-6)	?
Greenling	1,200	2,000 (P 4-6)	2,000	2,000	?

HB 4134: Transient Lodging Tax

- This creates a new revenue source for ODFW and a historic opportunity to invest in the future of Oregon's fish and wildlife.
- The bill takes effect January 1, 2027.
- State Wildlife Action Plan guides conservation of species, habitats, and climate resilience.
- ODFW has a clear formula for conserving species — what we call our "Know–Plan–Do" approach.





Why This Matters

- Every MRP action advances long-term sustainability of marine resources.
- Science and monitoring inform responsible management and policy.
- Partnerships strengthen outcomes for people, species, and ecosystems.
- Actions today ensure opportunities for future generations.

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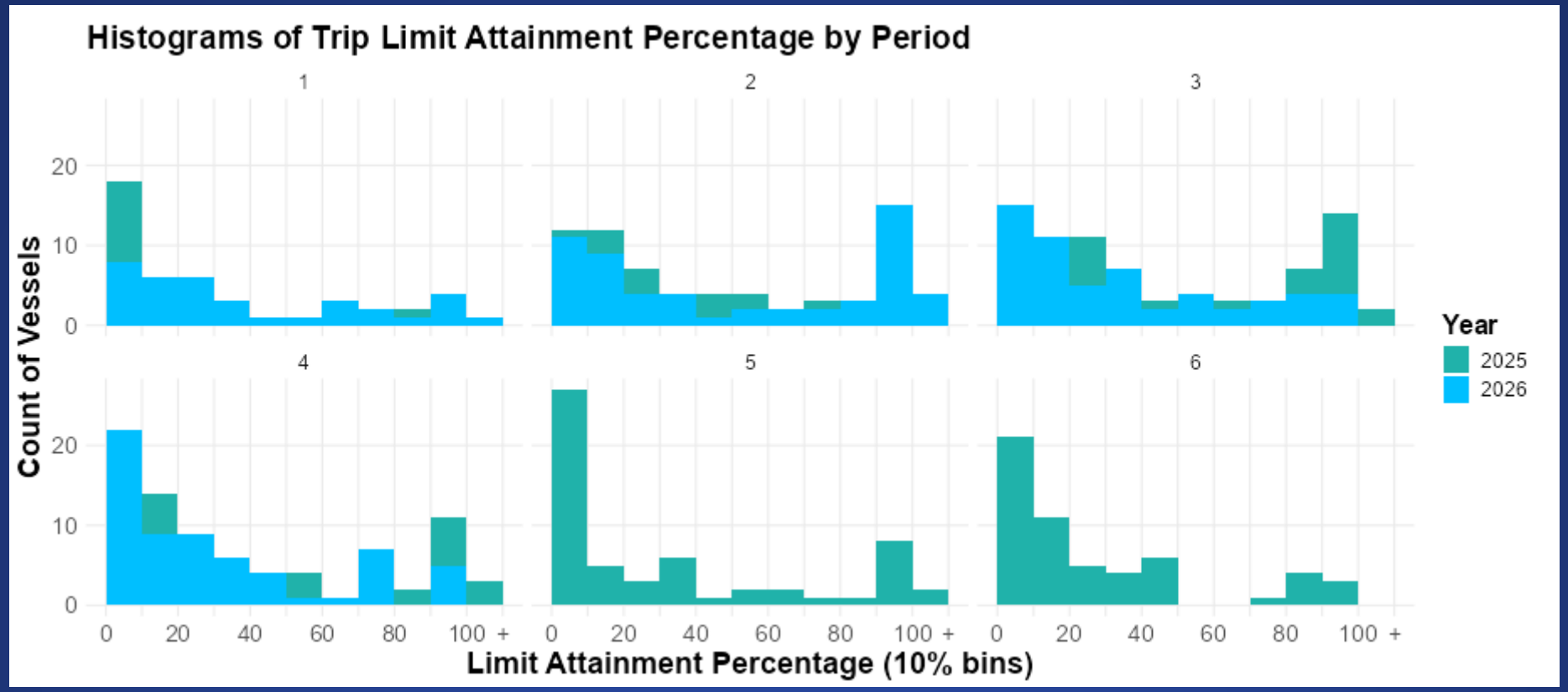
2026 Black Rockfish Limit Attainment



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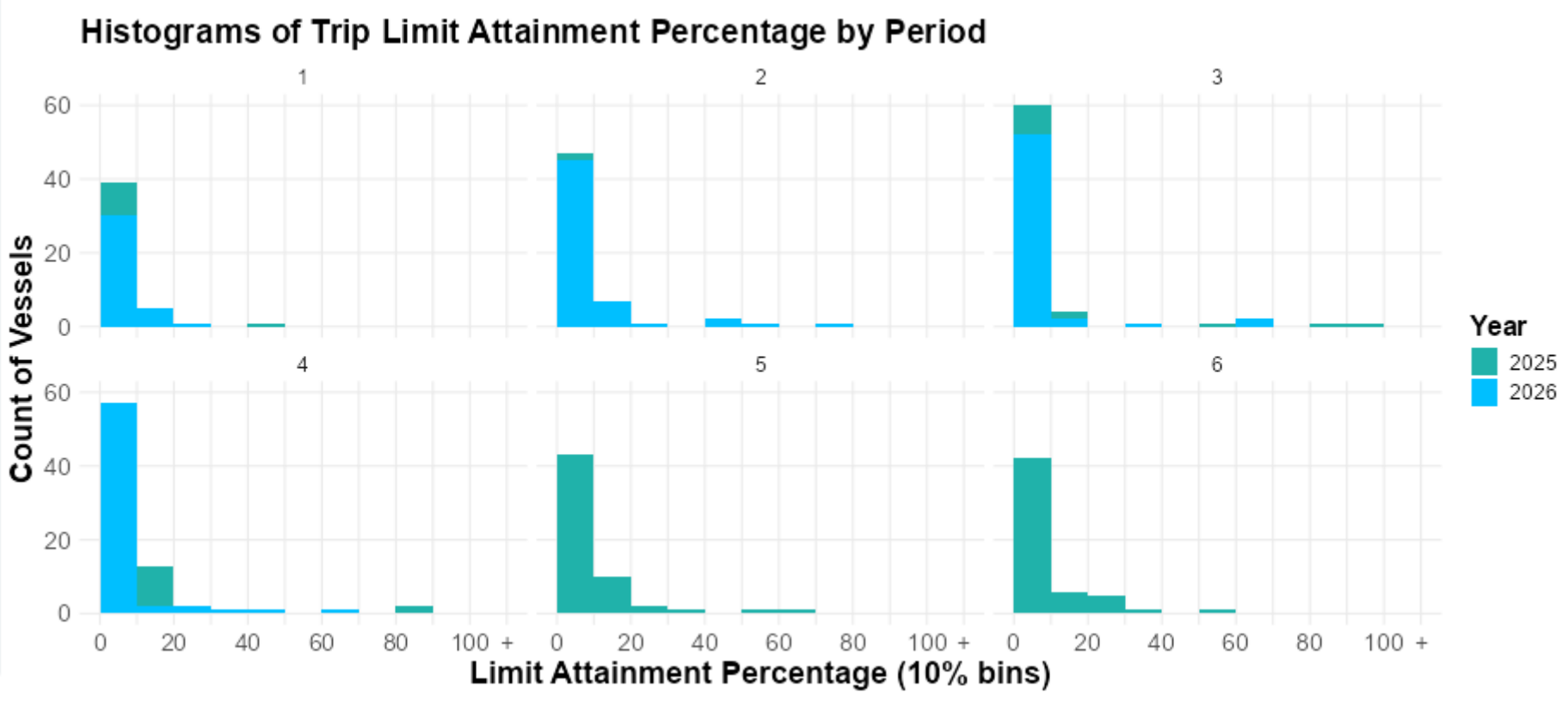

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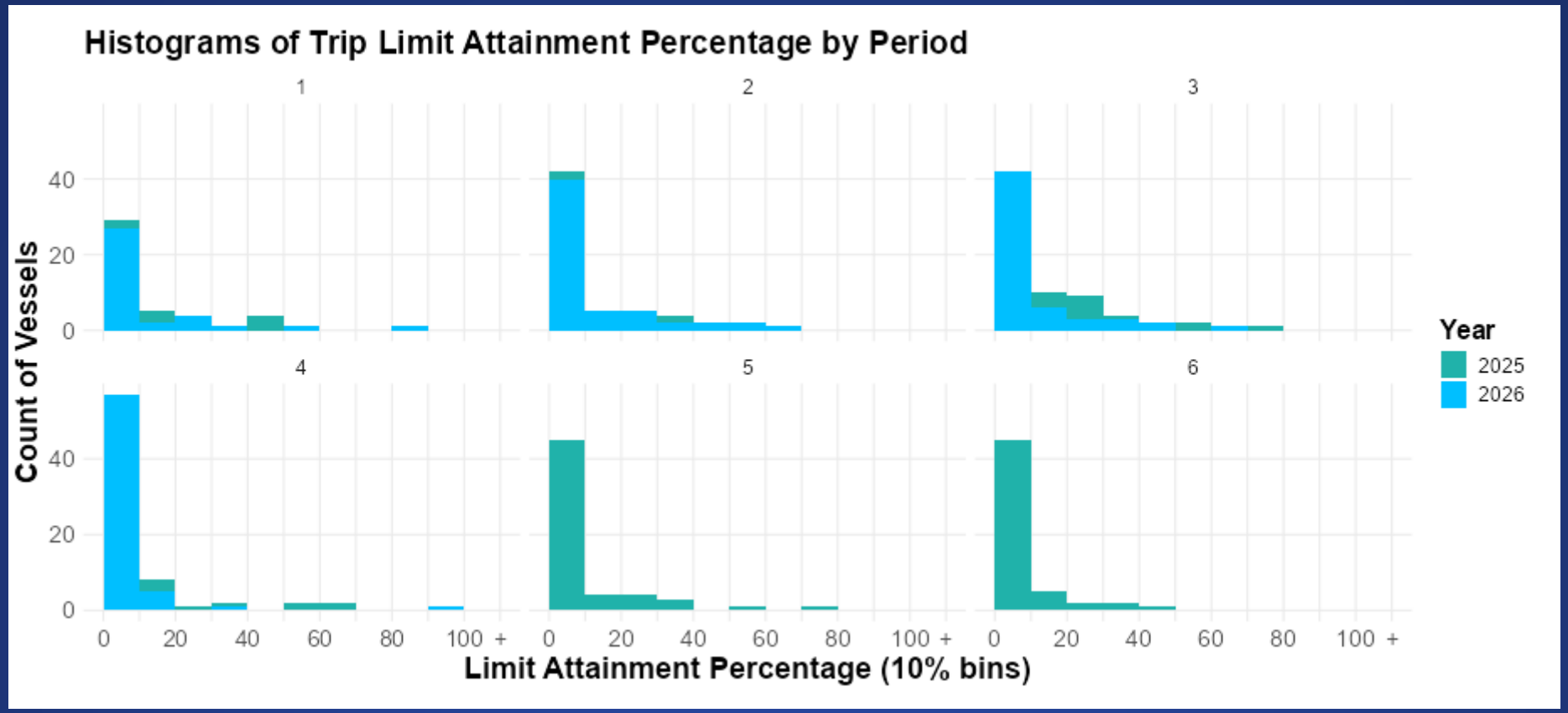

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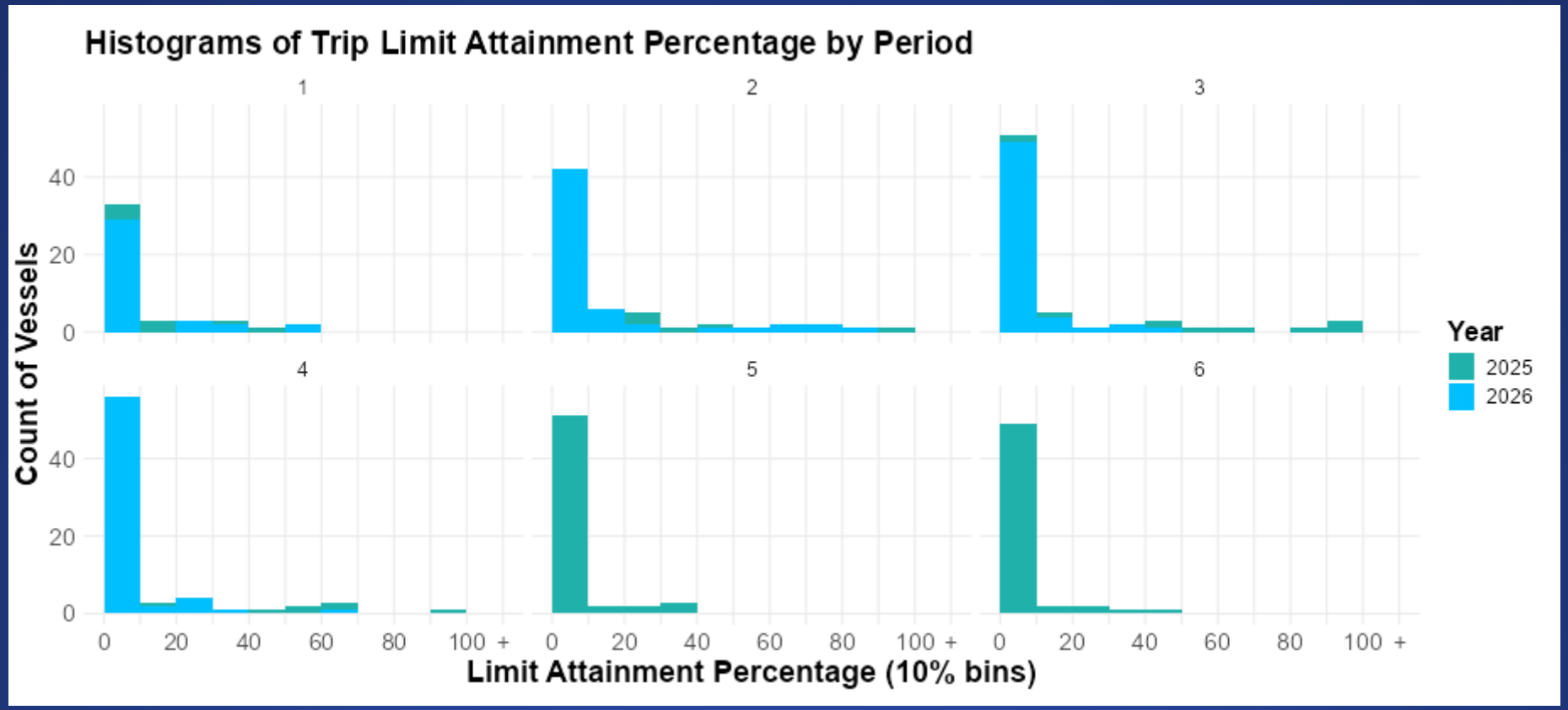

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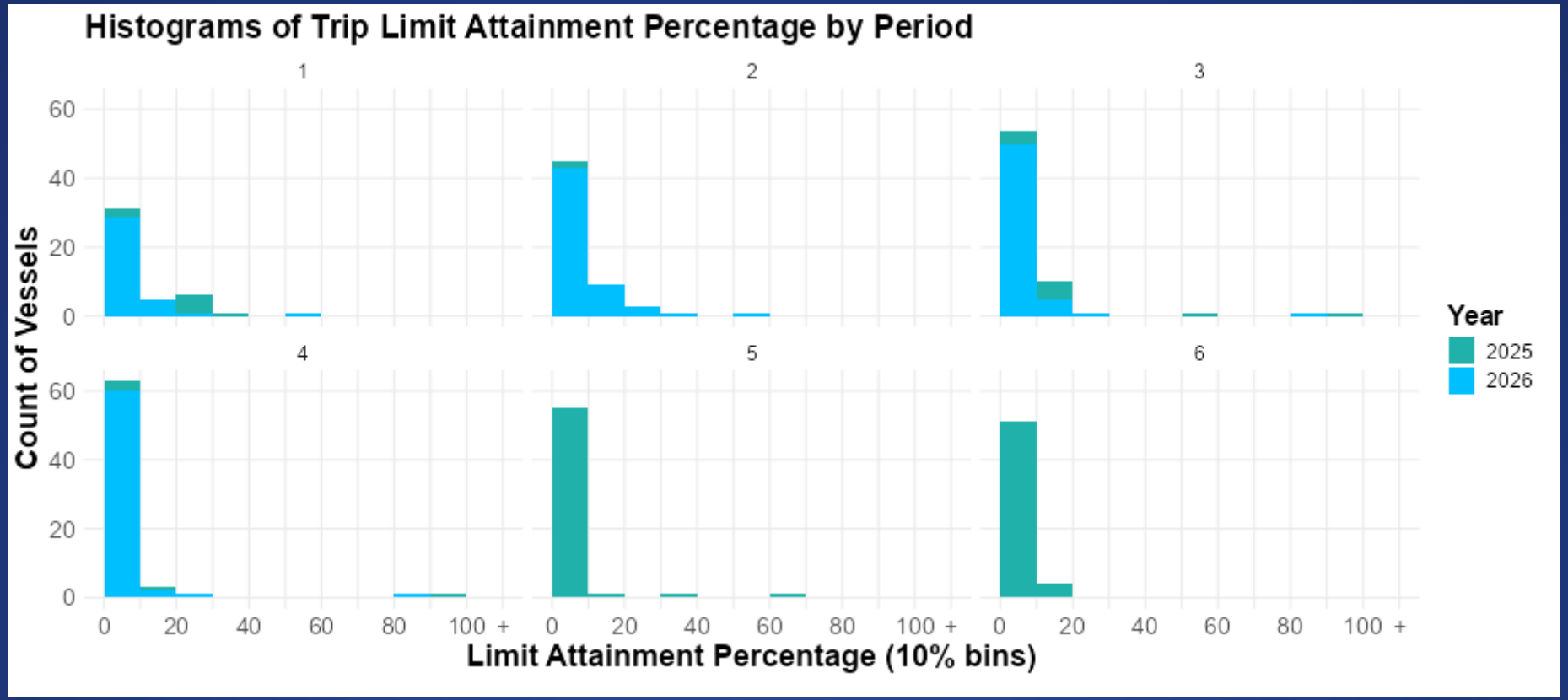

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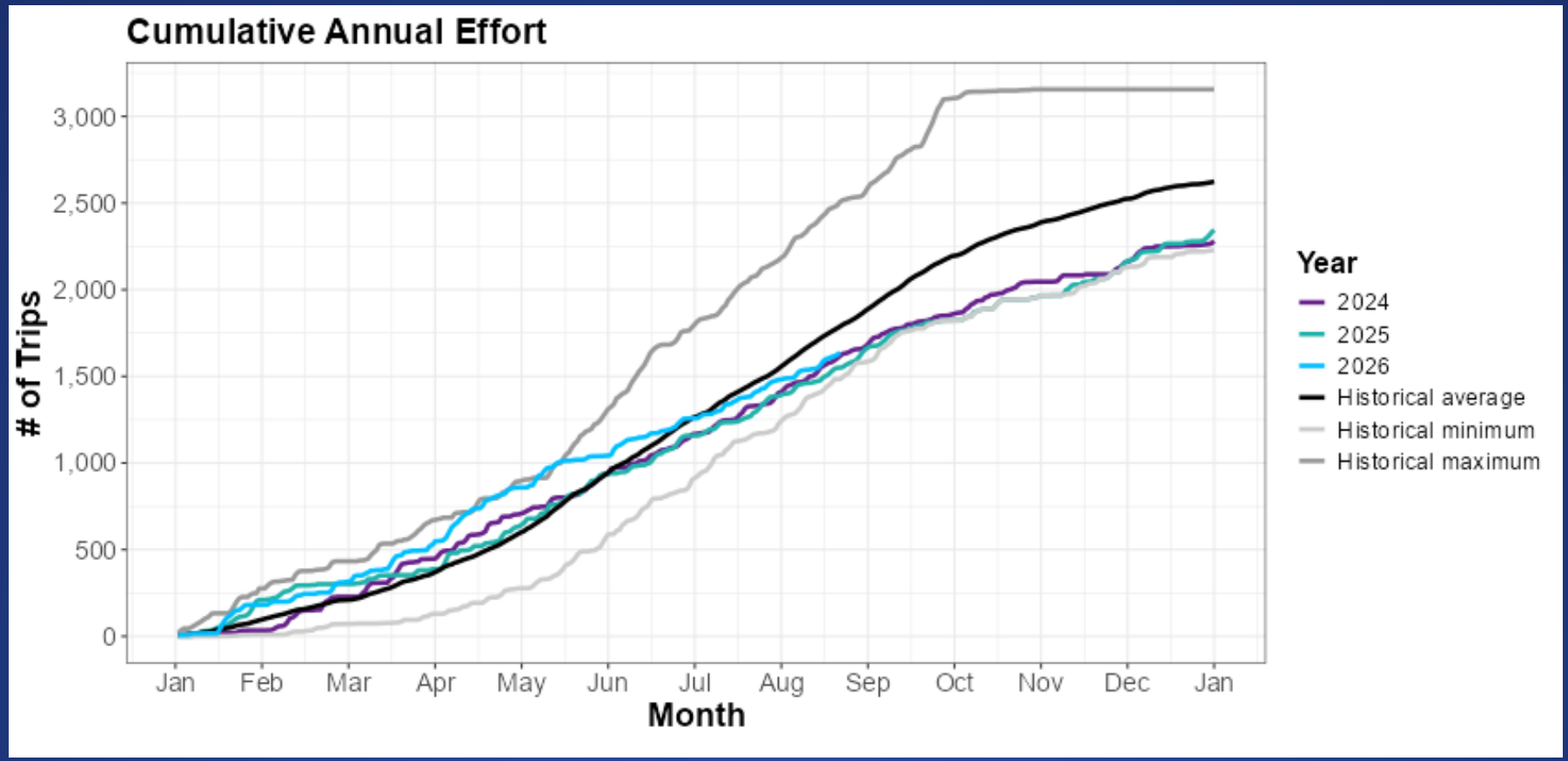
2026 Effort
(through August 28, 66% of the season)



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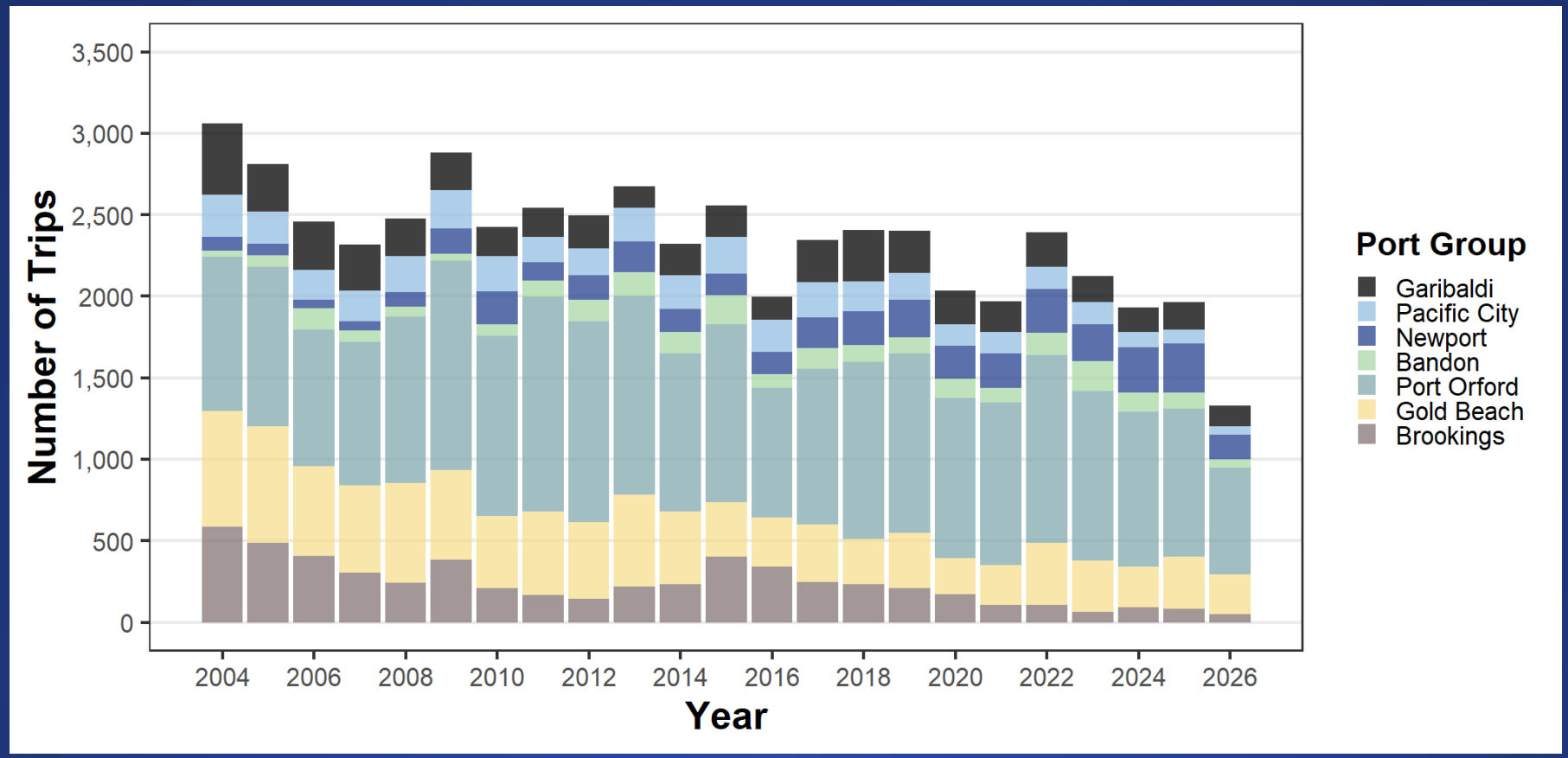
Nearshore Trips by Port*



* 2026 trips thru Aug 28, trips for other years from entire year

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LE Fixed Gear and OA Trip Limits

Stock	2025-2026, with in-season adjustments
Widow rockfish	LE: 4,000 lb/ 2 months OA: 2,000 lb/ 2 months
Shelf rockfish	LE: 1,600 lb/ 2 months OA: 1,600 lb/ 2 months
Canary rockfish	LE: 4,000 lb/ 2 months OA: 2,000 lb/ 2 months
Yellowtail rockfish	LE: 6,000 lb/ 2 months OA: 3,000 lb/ 2 months
Lingcod (OR/WA)	LE: 11,000 lb/ 2 months OA: 9,000 lb/ 2 months
***In-season changes may be adopted at future Council meetings**	

Non-trawl Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)

- 30 -75 fathoms
- No fishing for groundfish with non-trawl gear
- Fishing with stationary vertical jig gear or groundfish troll gear is allowed

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Non-trawl Logbook

Fishery	Logbook Required	Comment
Open access fixed gear fishery	Oregon fixed gear logbook or electronic non-trawl federal logbook	January 2025 – Electronic federal logbook is required
Limited entry fixed gear fishery	Oregon fixed gear logbook or electronic non-trawl federal logbook	January 2025 – Electronic federal logbook is required
Non-trawl Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) fishery	Paper or electronic federal non-trawl groundfish logbook	January 2025 – Electronic federal logbook is required
State nearshore fishery	Oregon nearshore logbook	

Download the electronic application to your smartphone from the PSMFC's website at:
https://www.psmfc.org/program/logbooks?pid=17

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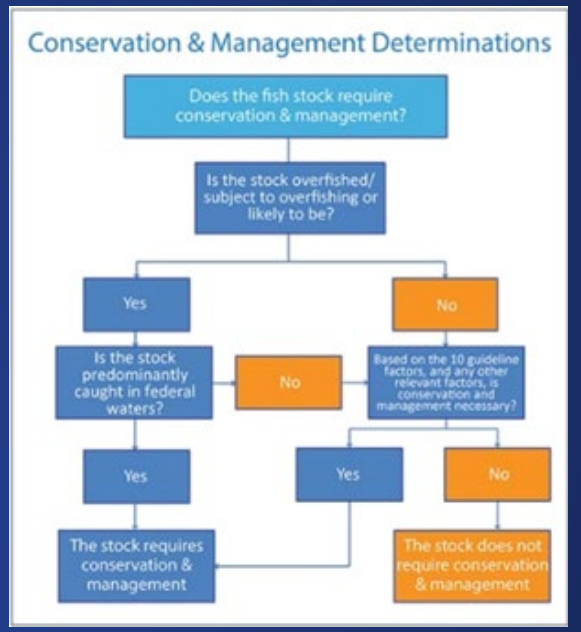
Stock definitions

Define stocks for all Groundfish Fishery Management Plan species

Step 1 – Identify stocks in need of federal conservation and management

- Overfished or undergoing overfishing
- Predominately caught in federal waters
- Consider "10 factors" described in federal regulations (600.305 (a))



Step 2 – Stock complex and geographic boundary revisions

Step 3 – Consider Delegating specific management responsibilities to states

Timeline – Final Preferred Alternative for nearshore stocks in September

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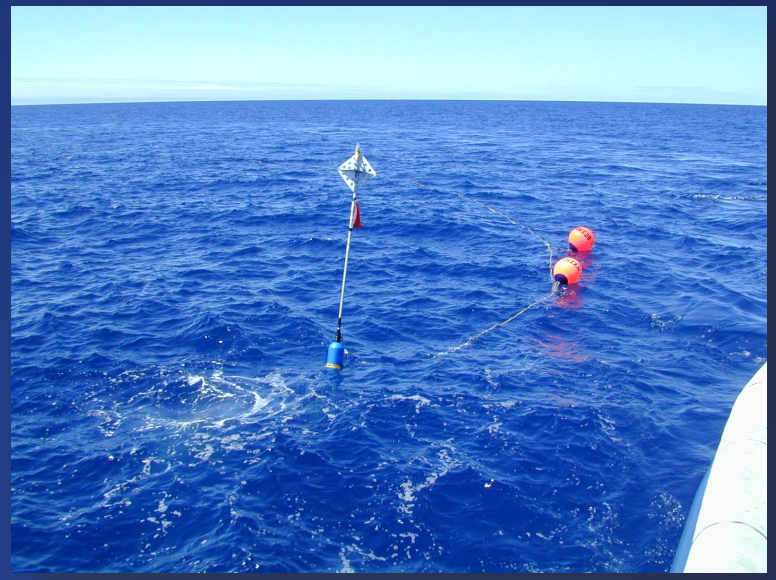
Limited Entry Fixed Gear (LEFG) follow on actions

Effective Aug 6, 2026

- Remove gear endorsements from limited entry non-trawl groundfish permits – may use any legal non-trawl groundfish gear except entangling nets
- Remove “base permit” designation
- Remove noon season start and end time, default to 12 am
- Develop cost recovery program



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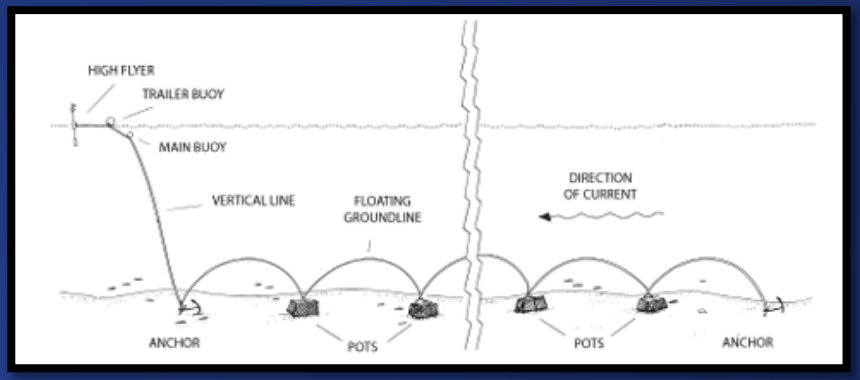
Fixed Gear Marking; Entanglement Risk Reduction

Final Preferred Alternative



- Applies to groundfish pot and longline gear in federal waters
- Allow use of surface gear on only one end of groundline
- No more than 10 fm surface line
- Require buoy tag with gear-specific shape/color and vessel ID
- Top 20 fm vertical line must be specified multi-colored manufactured line (colors TBD)
  - Continuous solid marks allowed for three-year transition period
- Biodegradable escape panel must not be on bottom of pot (except slinky pots), increase max thread count from No. 21 to No. 30 or smaller

Timeline

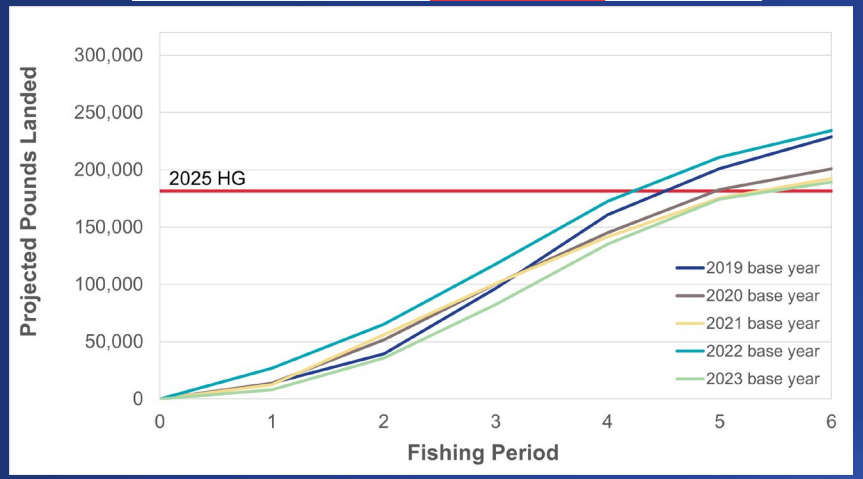
- Rule expected to publish before end of 2026

CNAP's Preferred Option:

Lower Reduction in Trip Limits for 2025

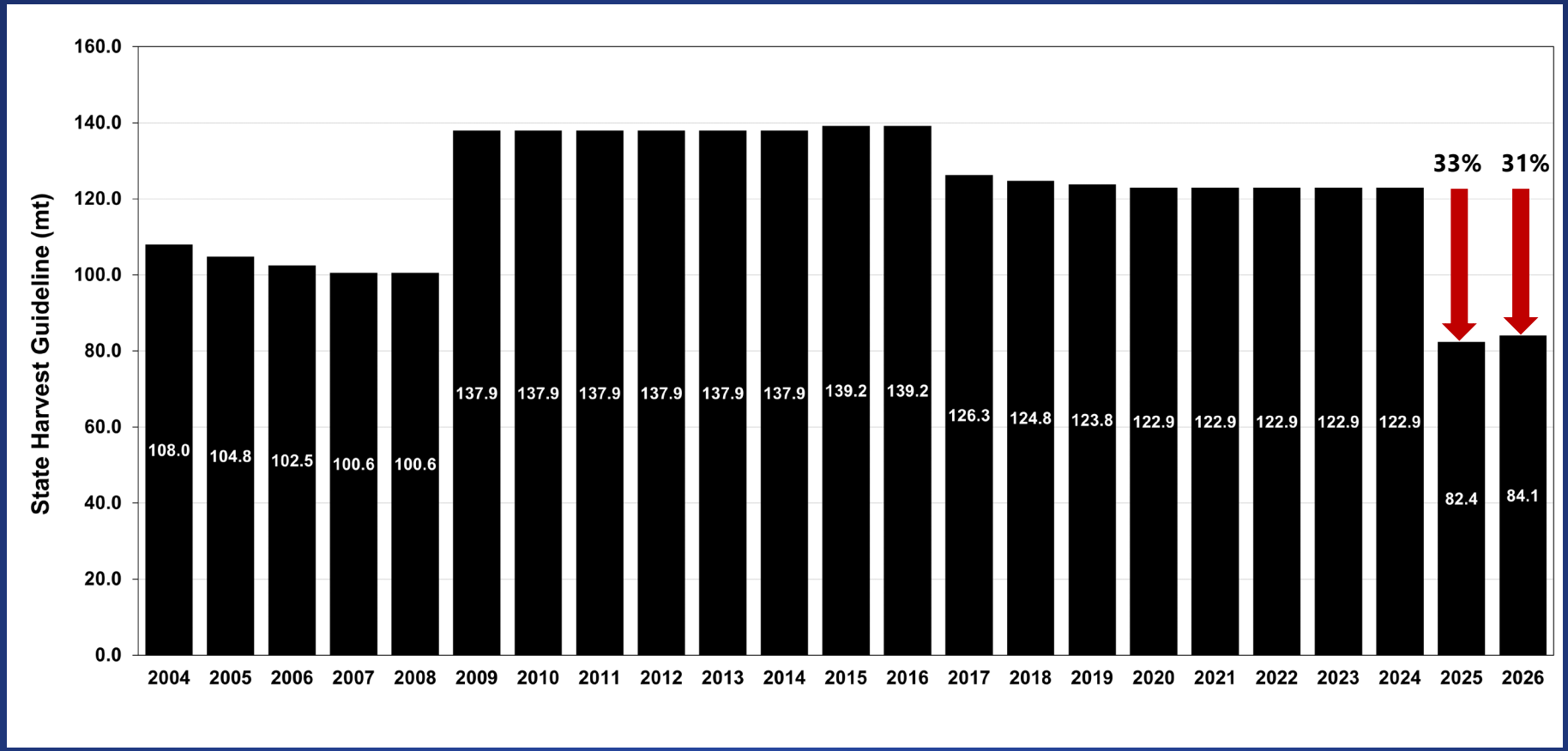
Bi-monthly Vessel Limits

Period	2023 Outset	2025 33% ↓	2025 45% ↓
P1	1,800	1,200	1,000
P2	1,800	1,200	1,000
P3	2,400	1,600	1,300
P4	2,400	1,600	1,300
P5	1,800	1,200	1,000
P6	1,800	1,200	1,000



- Reductions should be applied fairly and equitably across the fleet
- 33% reduction from 2023 limits
- Willing to risk early closure with a lower reduction
  - Good market in winter months
  - Opportunities when other fisheries are delayed
  - Weather concerns/leaving fish on the table

2004 – 2026 Black Rockfish Harvest Specifications



Incidental Black Rockfish

- **Catch by non-permitted sectors (salmon, groundfish trawl, groundfish fixed gear)**
- **West Coast Observer Program landings + discard mortality**

Sector	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Bottom Trawl	0.003		0.002	0.007	
Midwater trawl	0.006	0.006	0.020	0.002	
LE/OA Fixed gear	0.556	1.319	0.915	1.974	0.594
Directed P Halibut			0.061	0.177	0.003
Incidental	0.227	0.115	0.329	0.430	1.474
Total	0.791	1.440	1.327	2.590	2.071