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To All Licensed Washington Troll Fishers:

On Wednesday, April 9, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) adopted final ocean salmon fishery management recommendations for 2014. The adopted non-treaty troll fishery regulations for the area north of Cape Falcon will operate under the following regulations:

MAY - JUNE FISHERY

Washington Catch Areas 1, 2, 3 and 4 from Cape Falcon, Oregon north to the United States - Canada border will be open for a Chinook directed, all-salmon-except-coho fishery beginning May 1. The fishery will be open seven days per week and will close the earliest of June 30 or attainment of the quota of 37,900 Chinook, no more than 12,200 of which may be caught in the area between the U.S.-Canada border and the Queets River. All salmon **except coho** are legal. Mandatory Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area, Cape Flattery and Columbia Control Zones are closed. (See definitions below.) **Vessels must land and deliver their fish within 24 hours of any closure of this fishery. Vessels in possession of salmon north of the Queets River may not cross the Queets River line without first notifying the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) by phone at (360) 902-2739 or by email at Douglas.Milward@dfw.wa.gov with Area fished, total Chinook and halibut catch aboard, and destination. Vessels in possession of salmon south of the Queets River may not cross the Queets River line without first notifying the Department by phone at (360) 902-2739 or by email at Douglas.Milward@dfw.wa.gov with Area fished, total Chinook and halibut catch aboard, and destination. Vessels fishing or in possession of salmon while fishing north of Leadbetter Point must land and deliver their fish within the area and north of Leadbetter Point; vessels fishing or in possession of salmon while fishing south of Leadbetter Point must land and deliver their fish within the area and south of Leadbetter Point except Oregon permitted vessels may land their fish in Garibaldi, Oregon. The minimum size limit for Chinook is 28 inches. Gear is restricted to all legal troll gear with single point, single shank, barbless hooks only. An in-season conference call will occur when it is projected that 75% of the Chinook quota in the area north of the Queets River or 75% of the overall Chinook quota has been landed to consider modifying the open period and adding landing and possession limits.**

JULY 1 - SEPTEMBER 15 FISHERY

Washington Catch Areas 1, 2, 3 and 4 from Cape Falcon, Oregon north to the United States - Canada border will be open for all salmon beginning July 1. The fishery will be open July 1-8,

then Friday through Tuesday July 11 – August 19, with a landing and possession limit for each open period of **60** Chinook and **60** coho per vessel. From August 22 – September 16, the fishery will be open Friday through Tuesday with a landing and possession limit of **20** Chinook and **50** coho per vessel per open period. The fishery will be open until reaching the earliest of September 16 or the quota of 19,000 Chinook (no more than 8,750 of which may be caught in the area between the U.S.-Canada border and the Queets River) or 35,200 marked coho, no more than 5,040 of which may be caught in the area between the U.S.-Canada border and the Queets River. All retained coho must have a healed adipose fin clip; no chum retention north of Cape Alava during August and September. Gear is restricted to all legal troll gear with single point, single shank, barbless hooks only. Mandatory Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area, Cape Flattery, and Columbia Control Zones are closed. **Vessels must land and deliver their fish within 24 hours of any closure of this fishery. Vessels in possession of salmon north of the Queets River may not cross the Queets River line without first notifying the Department by phone at (360) 902-2739 or by email at Douglas.Milward@dfw.wa.gov with Area fished, total Chinook, coho, and halibut catch aboard, and destination. Vessels in possession of salmon south of the Queets River may not cross the Queets River line without first notifying the Department by phone at (360) 902-2739 or by email at Douglas.Milward@dfw.wa.gov with Area fished, total Chinook, coho, and halibut catch aboard, and destination. Vessels fishing for, or in possession of, salmon while fishing north of Leadbetter Point must land and deliver their fish within the area and north of Leadbetter Point; vessels fishing for, or in possession of, salmon while fishing south of Leadbetter Point must land and deliver their fish within the area and south of Leadbetter Point except Oregon permitted vessels may land their fish in Garibaldi, Oregon.** The minimum size limit for chinook is 28 inches, and 16 inches for coho. Trip limits, gear restrictions, and guidelines may be instituted or adjusted in-season.

The Washington State Quick Reporting System will be in effect throughout the 2014 commercial troll fishery. All wholesale dealers or trollers retailing their fish will be required to report their landing by 10:00 a.m. the day following delivery. Reports can be made by telephoning 1-866-791-1279, or faxing to 360-902-2949, and reporting the fish ticket number, the gear, the date of landing, **the Area fished**, the number of days fished, the number of fish by species and the total weight by species, including halibut.

Conservation Area and Control Zone Definitions

Mandatory Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area - The area in Washington Marine Catch Area 3 from 48°00.00' N latitude; 125°14.00' W longitude to 48°02.00' N latitude; 125°14.00' W longitude to 48°02.00' N latitude; 125°16.50' W longitude to 48°00.00' N latitude; 125°16.50' W longitude and connecting back to 48°00.00' N latitude; 125°14.00' W longitude.

Cape Flattery Control Zone - The area from Cape Flattery (48°23'00" N. latitude) to the northern boundary of the United States Economic Exclusion Zone (U.S. EEZ); and the area from Cape Flattery south to 48°10'00" N. latitude and east of 125°05'00" W. longitude.

Grays Harbor Control Zone – The area defined by a line drawn from the Westport Lighthouse (46°53.18' N latitude; 124°07.01' W longitude) to Buoy #2 (46°52.42' N latitude; 124°12.42' W longitude) to Buoy #3 (46°55.00' N latitude; 124°14.48' W longitude) to the Grays Harbor north jetty (46°36.00' N latitude; 124°10.51' W longitude).

Columbia Control Zone - An area at the Columbia River mouth, bounded on the west by a line running northeast/southwest between the red lighted Buoy #4 (46°13'35" N. latitude, 124°06'50" W. longitude) and the green lighted Buoy #7 (46°15'09" N. latitude, 124°06'16" W. longitude); on the east, by the Buoy #10 line which bears north/south at 357° true from the south jetty at 46°14'00" N. latitude, 124°03'07" W. longitude to its intersection with the north jetty; on the north, by a line running northeast/southwest between the green lighted Buoy #7 to the tip of the north jetty (46°15'48" N. latitude, 124°05'20" W. longitude) and then along the north jetty to the point of intersection with the Buoy #10 line; and, on the south, by a line running northeast/southwest between the red lighted Buoy #4 and tip of the south jetty (46°14'03" N. latitude, 124°04'05" W. longitude), and then along the south jetty to the point of intersection with the Buoy #10 line.

HALIBUT AND GROUND FISH REGULATIONS IN THE 2014 SALMON TROLL FISHERY

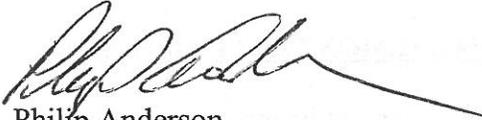
The operator of a vessel that has been issued an incidental halibut harvest license may retain Pacific halibut caught incidentally in Catch Area 2A during authorized periods while trolling for salmon. The following landing restrictions govern the incidental harvest: License holders may land no more than one halibut per each four Chinook, except one halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement. No more than 12 halibut may be landed per trip. Halibut retained must meet the minimum size limit of 32 inches total length with head on. Incidental halibut harvest is authorized only during the May and June troll season and after June 30 if fish remain on the commercial quota and if announced on the National Marine Fisheries Service hotline at 1-800-662-9825. In-season action may be taken to avoid exceeding the commercial halibut allocation.

The Pacific Fishery Management Council adopts regulations to address conservation concerns for a number of depressed groundfish stocks and to comply with stock rebuilding plans mandated by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. These regulations affect all coastal commercial and recreational fisheries. Regulatory rockfish groupings (nearshore, shelf and slope) require identification and sorting of rockfish in the catch. Additionally, since limits are based upon 1- or 2-month cumulative periods, fishers need to keep track of their catch by calendar month in order to avoid exceeding limits. Limits apply to fixed calendar months (2-month limit periods are May-June, July-August, September-October). Rockfish must be recorded by trip limit category on the fish ticket. North of 40°10' N. latitude, salmon troll vessels may retain up to one pound of yellowtail rockfish for every two pounds of salmon landed, with a cumulative limit of 200 pounds per month. The 200 pounds-per-month cumulative limit includes fish caught both within and outside of the Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA). In addition to rockfish, salmon trollers may retain and land up to 1 lingcod per 15 Chinook per trip, plus 1 lingcod per trip, up to a trip limit of 10 lingcod on a trip where any fishing occurs within the RCA. This limit only applies during times when lingcod retention is allowed and is not "CLOSED." The number of lingcod must be recorded on the fish ticket together with total weight. The RCA includes all areas inside the 100 fathom curve off Washington and between 20 or 30 fathoms and 100 fathoms off Oregon depending on the area; for more details check the website listed below. Only yellowtail rockfish and halibut may be retained while fishing inside the 100-fathom curve or RCA. If all fishing during the trip takes place outside of the RCA, then open access groundfish limits for all species apply. Vessels fishing pursuant to the harvest guidelines, quotas, and other management measures governing open access groundfish are required to activate and use a vessel monitoring system (VMS). Rules pertaining to the VMS

requirement can be found at 50 CFR Part 660. See also 72 FR 69162 (December 7, 2007) and a correction at 73 FR 4759 (January 28, 2008). Complete groundfish regulations can be viewed on the web at: <http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/Goundfish-Halibut/Groundfish-Fishery-Management/Public-Notices/Index.cfm>.

Commercial troll fisheries are managed on a quota. Open days, landing and possession limits, or any other regulation could change at any time. **Always contact the fisheries hotline (1-360-902-2500) prior to going fishing.**

Sincerely,



Philip Anderson
Director

Enclosure

Table 3 (North) to Part 660, Subpart F -- Non-Trawl Rockfish Conservation Areas and Trip Limits for Open Access Gears North of 40°10' N. lat.

Other limits and requirements apply -- Read §§660.10 through 660.399 before using this table

10/2013 and 2014

	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)^{1/}:						
1 North of 46°16' N. lat.	shoreline - 100 fm line ^{1/}					
2 46°16' N. lat. - 42°00' N. lat.	30 fm line ^{1/} - 100 fm line ^{1/}					
3 42°00' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.	20 fm depth contour - 100 fm line ^{1/}					
See §§660.60, 660.330 and 660.333 for additional gear, trip limit and conservation area requirements and restrictions. See §§660.70-660.74 and §§660.76-660.79 for conservation area descriptions and coordinates (including RCAs, YRCAs, CCAs, Farallon Islands, Cordell Banks, and EFHCAs).						
State trip limits and seasons may be more restrictive than Federal trip limits or seasons, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.						
4 Minor slope rockfish ^{2/} & Darkblotched rockfish	Per trip, no more than 25% of weight of the sablefish landed					
5 Pacific ocean perch	100 lb/ month					
6 Sablefish	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 800 lb, not to exceed 1,600 lb/ 2 months					
7 Thornyheads	CLOSED					
8 Dover sole	3,000 lb/ month, no more than 300 lb of which may be species other than Pacific sanddabs. South of 42° N. lat., when fishing for "other flatfish," vessels using hook-and-line gear with no more than 12 hooks per line, using hooks no larger than "Number 2" hooks, which measure 0.44 in (11 mm) point to shank, and up to two 1 lb (0.45 kg) weights per line are not subject to the RCAs.					
9 Arrowtooth flounder						
10 Petrale sole						
11 English sole						
12 Starry flounder						
13 Other flatfish ^{3/}	the RCAs.					
14 Whiting	300 lb/ month					
15 Minor shelf rockfish ^{2/} , Shortbelly, Widow & Yellowtail rockfish	200 lb/ month					
16 Canary rockfish	CLOSED					
17 Yelloweye rockfish	CLOSED					
18 Minor nearshore rockfish & Black rockfish						
19 North of 42°00' N. lat.	5,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black rockfish					
20 42°00' N. lat. - 40°10' N. lat.	8,500 lb/ 2 months, of which no more than 1,200 lb may be species other than black rockfish					
21 Lingcod ^{5/}	CLOSED		400 lb/ month			CLOSED
22 Pacific cod	1,000 lb/ 2 months					
23 Spiny dogfish	200,000 lb/ 2 months		150,000 lb/ 2 months	100,000 lb/ 2 months		
24 Longnose skate	Unlimited					
25 Other fish ^{6/}	Unlimited					

TABLE 3 (North)

Effective January 1, 2014

Table 3 (North). Continued

		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
26	SALMON TROLL (subject to RCAs when retaining all species of groundfish, except for yellowtail rockfish and lingcod, as described below)						
27	North	Salmon trollers may retain and land up to 1 lb of yellowtail rockfish for every 2 lbs of salmon landed, with a cumulative limit of 200 lb/month, both within and outside of the RCA. This limit is within the 200 lb per month combined limit for minor shelf rockfish, widow rockfish and yellowtail rockfish, and not in addition to that limit. Salmon trollers may retain and land up to 1 lingcod per 15 Chinook per trip, plus 1 lingcod per trip, up to a trip limit of 10 lingcod, on a trip where any fishing occurs within the RCA. This limit only applies during times when lingcod retention is allowed, and is not "CLOSED." This limit is within the per month limit for lingcod described in the table above, and not in addition to that limit. All groundfish species are subject to the open access limits, seasons, size limits and RCA restrictions listed in the table above, unless otherwise stated here.					
28	PINK SHRIMP NON-GROUNDFISH TRAWL (not subject to RCAs)						
29	North	Effective April 1 - October 31: Groundfish: 500 lb/day, multiplied by the number of days of the trip, not to exceed 1,500 lb/trip. The following sublimits also apply and are counted toward the overall 500 lb/day and 1,500 lb/trip groundfish limits: lingcod 300 lb/month (minimum 24 inch size limit); sablefish 2,000 lb/month; canary, thornyheads and yelloweye rockfish are PROHIBITED. All other groundfish species taken are managed under the overall 500 lb/day and 1,500 lb/trip groundfish limits. Landings of these species count toward the per day and per trip groundfish limits and do not have species-specific limits. The amount of groundfish landed may not exceed the amount of pink shrimp landed.					

TABLE 3 (North) cont'd

1/ The Rockfish Conservation Area is an area closed to fishing by particular gear types, bounded by lines specifically defined by latitude and longitude coordinates set out at §§ 660.71-660.74. This RCA is not defined by depth contours (with the exception of the 20-fm depth contour boundary south of 42° N. lat.), and the boundary lines that define the RCA may close areas that are deeper or shallower than the depth contour. Vessels that are subject to RCA restrictions may not fish in the RCA, or operate in the RCA for any purpose other than transiting.

2/ Bocaccio, chilipepper and cowcod rockfishes are included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish.

Splitnose rockfish is included in the trip limits for minor slope rockfish.

3/ "Other flatfish" are defined at § 660.11 and include butter sole, curlfin sole, flathead sole, Pacific sanddab, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole.

4/ For black rockfish north of Cape Alava (48°09.50' N. lat.), and between Destruction Is. (47°40' N. lat.) and Leadbetter Pnt. (46°38.17' N. lat.), there is an additional limit of 100 lbs or 30 percent by weight of all fish on board, whichever is greater, per vessel, per fishing trip.

5/ The minimum size limit for lingcod is 22 inches (56 cm) total length North of 42° N. lat. and 24 inches (61 cm) total length South of 42° N. lat.

6/ "Other fish" are defined at § 660.11 and include sharks (except spiny dogfish), skates (except longnose skates), ratfish, morids, grenadiers, and kelp greenling. Cabezon are included in the trip limits for "other fish."

To convert pounds to kilograms, divide by 2.20462, the number of pounds in one kilogram.