

NOTICE: Retention of vermilion, copper, and quillback rockfish **PROHIBITED** in all Washington coastal waters May 1 through July 31.

This restriction is intended to reduce catch to stay within federal harvest limits. Recent scientific assessments for the three rockfish species indicate populations are likely healthy but smaller than previously understood.

Retention of yelloweye rockfish **PROHIBITED** year-round in all Washington marine areas.



Copper rockfish: Light-colored band extends two-thirds of length of lateral line.



Quillback rockfish: Freckles on head and/or throat. Yellowish saddle markings do not extend to tail.



Vermilion rockfish: Lower jawline rough to touch. Body reddish and mottled with grey. Anal fin rounded.



Yelloweye rockfish: Red-orange body and yellow/gold eyes. May have a rough-textured ridge between the eyes.

Juvenile yelloweye

Marine areas 1 through 4 west of the Bonilla-Tatoosh Line have a daily limit of 7 rockfish and a daily aggregate limit of 9 bottomfish not including flatfish, surfperch, and shiner perch. **New: The daily limit for canary rockfish is 5.**

Marine Area 4 east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh Line remains closed to the retention of all rockfish species other than black, blue/deacon, yellowtail, and widow rockfish, and has a daily limit of 7 rockfish and a daily aggregate limit of 9 bottomfish not including surfperch.

For detailed regulations including depth restrictions and bottomfish closure areas, see: wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/regulations

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