

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****50 CFR Part 660**

[Docket No. 060824226–6322–02]

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Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments; Correction

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Final rule; inseason adjustments to groundfish anagement measures; correction.

SUMMARY: This final rule corrects publication errors in the final rule announcing inseason changes to management measures in the commercial Pacific Coast groundfish fishery, which were published in the **Federal Register** on July 5, 2007, and are effective August 1, 2007. This correction reinstates several trip limits in the limited entry commercial groundfish trawl fishery that were

inadvertently omitted in the final rule. These changes ensure that the trip limits, intended to allow fisheries to access more abundant groundfish stocks while protecting overfished and depleted stocks, remain in place.

DATES: Effective 0001 hours (local time) August 1, 2007.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Electronic Access**

This final rule is accessible via the Internet at the Office of the Federal Register's Web site at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>. Background information and documents are available at the Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council's) Web site at <http://www.pcouncil.org/>.

Background

This correction reinstates several limited entry trawl commercial trip limits that were published in a proposed rule on September 29, 2006 (71 FR 57764) and implemented in a final rule on December 29, 2006 (71 FR 78638). Trip limits are an important management measure used in the Pacific Coast groundfish fishery to allow

fisheries to access more abundant groundfish stocks while protecting overfished and depleted stocks. The trip limits that are the subject of this correction are contained in Tables 3 (North) and 3 (South) to part 660 subpart G.

Need for the Correction

Due to a formatting error, these trip limits were inadvertently omitted during the publication of inseason changes on July 5, 2007 (72 FR 36617), which are effective August 1, 2007.

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 660

Fisheries and fishing.

Dated: July 31, 2007.

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Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

■ 50 CFR part 660 is corrected by making the following correcting amendments:

PART 660—FISHERIES OFF WEST COAST STATES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 660 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.

■ 2. Tables 3 (North) and 3 (South) to part 660 subpart G are revised to read as follows:

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Table 3 (North) to Part 660, Subpart G -- 2007-2008 Trip Limits for Limited Entry Trawl Gear North of 40°10' N. Lat.

Other Limits and Requirements Apply -- Read § 660.301 - § 660.399 before using this table

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Other Limits and Requirements Apply		JAN-FEB		MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)^{6/}:		75 fm - modified 250 fm ^{7/}	75 fm - 250 fm	shore - 150 fm		shore - 200 fm		shore - modified 200 fm ^{7/}
North of 48°10.00' N. lat.				75 fm - 150 fm		75 fm - 200 fm		75 fm - modified 200 fm ^{7/}
48°10.00' N. lat. - 46°38.17' N. lat.				60 fm -150 fm		60 fm -200 fm		75 fm - modified 200 fm ^{7/}
46°38.17' N. lat. - 46°16.00 N. lat.				75 fm - 150 fm		75 fm - 200 fm		75 fm - modified 200 fm ^{7/}
46°16.00 N. lat. - 45°03.83 N. lat.				75 fm - 200 fm				75 fm - modified 200 fm ^{7/}
45°03.83' N. lat. - 43°20.83' N. lat.				shore - 200fm				shore - modified 200 fm ^{7/}
43°20.83' N. lat. - 42°40.50' N. lat.				75 fm - 200 fm				75 fm - modified 200 fm ^{7/}
42°40.50' N lat -40°10.00' N. lat.								
Selective flatfish trawl gear is required shoreward of the RCA; all trawl gear (large footrope, selective flatfish trawl, and small footrope trawl gear) is permitted seaward of the RCA. Large footrope trawl gear is prohibited shoreward of the RCA. Midwater trawl gear is permitted only for vessels participating in the primary whiting season.								
See § 660.370 and § 660.381 for Additional Gear, Trip Limit, and Conservation Area Requirements and Restrictions. See §§ 660.390-660.394 and §§ 660.396-660.399 for Conservation Area Descriptions and Coordinates (including RCAs, YRCA, CCAs, Farallon Islands, Cordell Banks, and EFHCAs).								
State trip limits and seasons may be more restrictive than federal trip limits, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.								
1	Minor slope rockfish ^{2/} & Darkblotched rockfish	4,000 lb/ 2 months			1,500 lb/ 2 months			
2	Pacific ocean perch	3,000 lb/ 2 months						
3	DTS complex							
4	Sablefish							
5	large & small footrope gear	13,000 lb/ 2 months			15,000 lb/ 2 months			13,000 lb/ 2 months
6	selective flatfish trawl gear	5,000 lb/ 2 months	8,000 lb/ 2 months	5,000 lb/ 2 months				
7	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	5,000 lb/ 2 months	8,000 lb/ 2 months	5,000 lb/ 2 months				
8	Longspine thornyhead							
9	large & small footrope gear	22,000 lb/ 2 months				25,000 lb/ 2 months		
10	selective flatfish trawl gear	3,000 lb/ 2 months						
11	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	3,000 lb/ 2 months						
12	Shortspine thornyhead							
13	large & small footrope gear	7,500 lb/ 2 months			10,000 lb/ 2 months			
14	selective flatfish trawl gear	3,000 lb/ 2 months						
15	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	3,000 lb/ 2 months						
16	Dover sole							
17	large & small footrope gear	80,000 lb/ 2 months			60,000 lb/ 2 months			80,000 lb/ 2 months
18	selective flatfish trawl gear	40,000 lb/ 2 months			38,000 lb/ 2 months			25,000 lb/ 2 months
19	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	40,000 lb/ 2 months			38,000 lb/ 2 months			25,000 lb/ 2 months

TABLE 3 (North)

Table 3 (North). Continued

20	Whiting						TABLE 3 (North) cont
21	midwater trawl	Before the primary whiting season: CLOSED. -- During the primary season: mid-water trawl permitted in the RCA. See §660.373 for season and trip limit details. -- After the primary whiting season: CLOSED.					
22	large & small footrope gear	Before the primary whiting season: 20,000 lb/trip. -- During the primary season: 10,000 lb/trip. -- After the primary whiting season: 10,000 lb/trip.					
23	Flatfish (except Dover sole)						
24	Arrowtooth flounder						
25	large & small footrope gear	100,000 lb/ 2 months	Arrowtooth included within other flatfish limits -- see below				
26	selective flatfish trawl gear	90,000 lb/ 2 months					
27	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	90,000 lb/ 2 months					
28	Other flatfish ^{3/} , English sole, starry flounder, & Petrale sole						
29	large & small footrope gear for Other flatfish ^{3/} , English sole, & starry flounder	110,000 lb/ 2 months	110,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 30,000 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.	110,000 lb/ 2 months (including arrowtooth), no more than 20,000 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.		110,000 lb/ 2 months (including arrowtooth)	
30	large & small footrope gear for Petrale sole	50,000 lb/ 2 months				30,000 lb/ 2 months	
31	selective flatfish trawl gear for Other flatfish ^{3/} , English sole, & starry flounder	90,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 16,000 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.	90,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 25,000 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.	70,000 lb/ 2 months (including arrowtooth), no more than 20,000 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.	70,000 lb/ 2 months (including arrowtooth), no more than 15,000 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.	30,000 lb/ 2 months (including arrowtooth), no more than 8,000 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.	
32	selective flatfish trawl gear for Petrale sole						
33	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	90,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 16,000 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.	90,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 25,000 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.	70,000 lb/ 2 months (including arrowtooth), no more than 20,000 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.	70,000 lb/ 2 months (including arrowtooth), no more than 15,000 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.	30,000 lb/ 2 months (including arrowtooth), no more than 8,000 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.	
34	Minor shelf rockfish ^{1/} , Shortbelly, Widow & Yelloweye rockfish						
35	midwater trawl for Widow rockfish	Before the primary whiting season: CLOSED. -- During primary whiting season: In trips of at least 10,000 lb of whiting, combined widow and yellowtail limit of 500 lb/ trip, cumulative widow limit of 1,500 lb/ month. Mid-water trawl permitted in the RCA. See §660.373 for primary whiting season and trip limit details. -- After the primary whiting season: CLOSED.					
36	large & small footrope gear	300 lb/ 2 months					
37	selective flatfish trawl gear	300 lb/ month	1,000 lb/ month, no more than 200 lb/ month of which may be yelloweye rockfish			300 lb/ month	
38	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	300 lb/ month	300 lb/ 2 months, no more than 200 lb/ month of which may be yelloweye rockfish			300 lb/ month	

Table 3 (North). Continued

TABLE 3 (North) cont

39	Canary rockfish			
40	large & small footrope gear	CLOSED		
41	selective flatfish trawl gear	100 lb/ month	300 lb/ month	100 lb/ month
42	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	CLOSED		
43	Yellowtail			
	midwater trawl	Before the primary whiting season: CLOSED. -- During primary whiting season: In trips of at least 10,000 lb of whiting: combined widow and yellowtail limit of 500 lb/ trip, cumulative yellowtail limit of 2,000 lb/ month. Mid-water trawl permitted in the RCA. See §660.373 for primary whiting season and trip limit details. -- After the primary whiting season: CLOSED.		
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45	large & small footrope gear	300 lb/ 2 months		
46	selective flatfish trawl gear	2,000 lb/ 2 months		
47	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	300 lb/ 2 months		
	Minor nearshore rockfish & Black rockfish			
48				
49	large & small footrope gear	CLOSED		
50	selective flatfish trawl gear	300 lb/ month		
51	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}	CLOSED		
52	Lingcod ^{4/}			
53	large & small footrope gear		4,000 lb/ 2 months	
54	selective flatfish trawl gear	1,200 lb/ 2 months	1,200 lb/2 months	
55	multiple bottom trawl gear ^{8/}			
	Pacific cod	30,000 lb/ 2 months	70,000 lb/ 2 months	30,000 lb/ 2 months
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57	Spiny dogfish	200,000 lb/ 2 months	150,000 lb/ 2 months	100,000 lb/ 2 months
58	Other Fish ^{5/}	Not limited		

TABLE 3 (North) con't

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

2/ Splittnose rockfish is included in the trip limits for minor slope rockfish.

3/ "Other flatfish" are defined at § 660.302 and include butter sole, curlfin sole, flathead sole, Pacific sanddab, rex sole, rock sole, and sand sole.

4/ The minimum size limit for lingcod is 24 inches (61 cm) total length.

5/ "Other fish" are defined at § 660.302 and include sharks, skates, ratfish, morids, grenadiers, and kelp greenling.

Cabazon is included in the trip limits for "other fish."

6/ The Rockfish Conservation Area is a gear and/or sector specific closed area generally described by depth contours but specifically defined by lat/long coordinates set out at §§ 660.391-660.394.

7/ The "modified 200 fm" line is modified to exclude certain petrale sole areas from the RCA.

8/ If a vessel has both selective flatfish gear and large or small footrope gear on board during a cumulative limit period (either simultaneously or successively), the most restrictive cumulative limit for any gear on board during the cumulative limit period applies for the entire cumulative limit period.

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

Table 3 (South) to Part 660, Subpart G -- 2007-2008 Trip Limits for Limited Entry Trawl Gear South of 40°10' N. Lat.

Other Limits and Requirements Apply -- Read § 660.301 - § 660.399 before using this table

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	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)^{6/}:						
40°10' - 38° N. lat.	100 fm - modified 200 fm 7/	100 fm - 150 fm				100 fm - modified 200 fm 7/
38° - 34°27' N. lat.	100 fm - 150 fm					
South of 34°27' N. lat.	100 fm - 150 fm along the mainland coast; shoreline - 150 fm around islands					
All trawl gear (large footrope, selective flatfish trawl, and small footrope trawl gear) is permitted seaward of the RCA. Large footrope trawl gear is prohibited shoreward of the RCA. Midwater trawl gear is permitted only for vessels participating in the primary whiting season.						
See § 660.370 and § 660.381 for Additional Gear, Trip Limit, and Conservation Area Requirements and Restrictions. See §§ 660.390-660.394 and §§ 660.396-660.399 for Conservation Area Descriptions and Coordinates (including RCAs, YRCA, CCAs, Farallon Islands, Cordell Banks, and EFHCAs).						
State trip limits and seasons may be more restrictive than federal trip limits, particularly in waters off Oregon and California.						
Minor slope rockfish^{2/} & Darkblotched rockfish						
40°10' - 38° N. lat.	15,000 lb/ 2 months			10,000 lb/ 2 months		15,000 lb/ 2 months
South of 38° N. lat.	40,000 lb/ 2 months					
Splitnose						
40°10' - 38° N. lat.	15,000 lb/ 2 months			10,000 lb/ 2 months		15,000 lb/ 2 months
South of 38° N. lat.	40,000 lb/ 2 months					
DTS complex						
Sablefish	14,000 lb/ 2 months					
Longspine thornyhead	22,000 lb/ 2 months					
Shortspine thornyhead	7,500 lb/ 2 months					
Dover sole	70,000 lb/ 2 months			80,000 lb/ 2 months		
Flatfish (except Dover sole)						
Other flatfish ^{3/} , English sole, & starry flounder						
40°10' - 38° N. lat.	110,000 lb/ 2 months	Other flatfish, English sole, starry flounder & Petrale sole: 110,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 30,000 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.	Other flatfish, English sole, starry flounder, arrowtooth flounder & Petrale sole: 110,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 25,000 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole			110,000 lb/ 2 months (including arrowtooth)
South of 38° N. lat.						
Petrable sole	50,000 lb/ 2 months					50,000 lb/ 2 months
Arrowtooth flounder						
40°10' - 38° N. lat.	10,000 lb/ 2 months		Arrowtooth included within other flatfish limits - - see above			
South of 38° N. lat.						
Whiting						
midwater trawl	Before the primary whiting season: CLOSED. -- During the primary season mid-water trawl permitted in the RCA. See §660.373 for season and trip limit details. -- After the primary whiting season: CLOSED					
large & small footrope gear	Before the primary whiting season: 20,000 lb/trip. -- During the primary season: 10,000 lb/trip -- After the primary whiting season: 10,000 lb/trip.					

TABLE 3 (South)

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Table 3 (South). Continued

23	Minor shelf rockfish ^{1/} , Chilipepper, Shortbelly, Widow, & Yelloweye rockfish			
24	large footrope or midwater trawl for Minor shelf rockfish & Shortbelly	300 lb/ month		
25	large footrope or midwater trawl for Chilipepper	2,000 lb/ 2 months	12,000 lb/ 2 months	8,000 lb/ 2 months
26	large footrope or midwater trawl for Widow & Yelloweye	CLOSED		
27	small footrope trawl for Minor Shelf, Shortbelly, Widow & Yelloweye	300 lb/ month		
28	small footrope trawl for Chilipepper	500 lb/ month	800 lb/ month	
29	Bocaccio			
30	large footrope or midwater trawl	300 lb/ 2 months		
31	small footrope trawl	CLOSED		
32	Canary rockfish			
33	large footrope or midwater trawl	CLOSED		
34	small footrope trawl	100 lb/ month	300 lb/ month	100 lb/ month
35	Cowcod	CLOSED		
36	Minor nearshore rockfish & Black rockfish			
37	large footrope or midwater trawl	CLOSED		
38	small footrope trawl	300 lb/ month		
39	Lingcod ^{4/}			
40	large footrope or midwater trawl	1,200 lb/ 2 months	4,000 lb/ 2 months	
41	small footrope trawl		1,200 lb/ 2 months	
42	Pacific cod	30,000 lb/ 2 months	70,000 lb/ 2 months	30,000 lb/ 2 months
43	Spiny dogfish	200,000 lb/ 2 months	150,000 lb/ 2 months	100,000 lb/ 2 months
44	Other Fish ^{5/} & Cabezon	Not limited		

TABLE 3 (South) cont

1/ Yellowtail is included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish.

2/ POP is included in the trip limits for minor slope rockfish

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