

## SUMMARY OF STOCK ASSESSMENT STATUS FOR ROCKFISH STOCKS IMPORTANT TO CALIFORNIA

Stock	Assessment Status
OVERFISHED	
Bocaccio	Bocaccio is an important species for both the commercial and recreational sectors in Southern California.
Canary Rockfish	Canary rockfish is one of the most constraining species on the West Coast for both the commercial and recreational sectors. The species is encountered predominantly north of Point Conception, California, but can be found in Southern California as well. The stock was declared rebuilt at the June 2015 PFMC meeting.
Cowcod	Cowcod occur predominantly south of Point Conception, California, and is a constraining species for both commercial and recreational sectors. Groundfish fishing is prohibited in certain areas of Southern California coastal waters specifically for the protection of cowcod (Cowcod Conservation Areas).
Darkblotched Rockfish	Darkblotched rockfish is primarily a constraining species to the commercial trawl sector in Northern California north of Point Arena (38° North latitude).
Yelloweye Rockfish	Yelloweye rockfish is a very important species for the commercial and recreational sectors. It also strongly constrains both sectors north of Cape Mendocino (40°10' North latitude).
Petrale Sole	Petrale sole is a very important species to the commercial trawl sector. The stock was declared rebuilt at the June 2015 PFMC meeting.

<b>Stock</b>	<b>Assessment Status</b>
NON-OVERFISHED	
Black Rockfish	Black rockfish is an important species to commercial and recreational fisheries in Northern California.
Blackgill Rockfish	Blackgill rockfish is a commercially important species. The stock was last assessed in 2011 and has been in the precautionary zone. The species is currently managed with its own harvest guideline to keep fishing mortality within the allowed limit.
Blue Rockfish	Blue rockfish is important to both the commercial and recreational sectors, though the species is less prevalent in Southern California. The stock is currently in the precautionary zone.
Cabazon	Cabazon is important to commercial and recreational sectors throughout the state.
California Scorpionfish	The species is very important to the recreational sector in Southern California. The stock was last assessed in 2005. Inseason action was taken to reduce recreational harvests in 2015 and 2016 to stay within allowable limits.
Chilipepper Rockfish	A new update was conducted in 2015 and the stock is considered healthy.
China Rockfish	A new stock assessment was conducted in 2015 and the stock is currently in the precautionary zone.
Gopher rockfish	Gopher rockfish is harvested by both commercial and recreational sectors throughout California. The stock was last assessed in 2005 and is currently considered healthy.
Lingcod	The species is important to both commercial and recreational sectors statewide. The stock is considered healthy.
Sablefish	Sablefish is one of the most valuable commercial species along the West Coast. A new update was conducted in 2015. The stock is currently in the precautionary zone.
Shortspine thornyhead	Shortspine thornyhead is an important commercial species in California. The stock was last assessed in 2013 and is considered very healthy.
Splitnose Rockfish	The stock was last assessed in 2009 and is considered healthy.
Starry Flounder	The stock is considered healthy. The last time the stock was assessed was in 2005.
Widow Rockfish	A new assessment was conducted in 2015, and the stock is considered healthy.

**Healthy stock/status:** stock is at 40% or greater unfished biomass

**Precautionary stock/status:** stock is between 25% and 40% unfished biomass

**Overfished stock/status:** stock is less than 25% unfished biomass